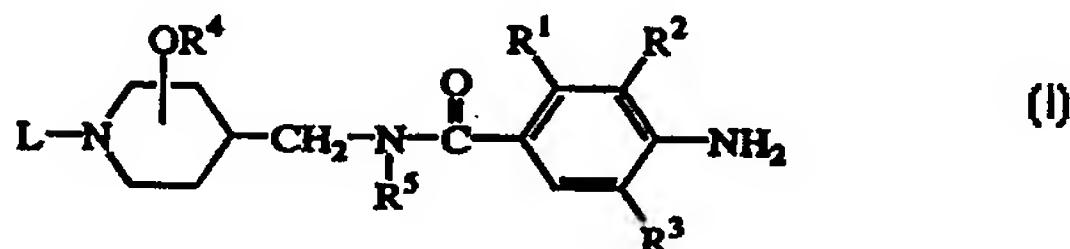




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(57) Abstract

The present invention of compounds of formula (I), a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, an N-oxide form thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof, R¹ is C₁-alkyloxy, C₂-alkenyloxy or C₂-alkynyl-oxy; R² is hydrogen, C₁-alkyl C₁-alkyloxy; R³ is hydrogen or halo; R⁴ is hydrogen or C₁-alkyl; R⁵ is hydrogen or C₁-alkyl; L is C₃-cycloalkyl, C₅-cycloalkanone, C₂-alkynyl, or L is a radical of formula -A₁-R⁶-, A₁-X-R⁷, -A₁-Y-C(=O)-R⁹, or -A₁-Y-C(=O)-NR¹¹R¹² wherein each A₁ is C₁₋₁₂alkanediyl; and R⁶ is hydrogen, cyano, C₁-alkylsulfonylamino, C₃-cycloalkyl, C₅-cycloalkanone, or a heterocyclic ring system; R⁷ is hydrogen, C₁-alkyl, hydroxy C₁-alkyl, C₃-cycloalkyl, or a heterocyclic ring system; X is O, S, SO₂ or NR⁸; said R⁸ being hydrogen or C₁-alkyl; R⁹ is hydrogen, C₁-alkyl, C₃-cycloalkyl, C₁-alkyloxy or hydroxy; Y is NR¹⁰ or a direct bond; said R¹⁰ being hydrogen, or C₁-alkyl; R¹¹ and R¹² each independently are hydrogen, C₁-alkyl, C₃-cycloalkyl, or R¹¹ and R¹² combined with the nitrogen atom may form an optionally substituted pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, piperazinyl or 4-morpholinyl ring. Processes for preparing said products, formulations comprising said products and their use as a medicine are disclosed, in particular for treating conditions which are related to impairment of gastric emptying.

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5 The present invention is concerned with novel compounds of formula (I) having superior gastrokinetic properties. The invention further relates to methods for preparing such novel compounds, pharmaceutical compositions comprising said novel compounds as well as the use as a medicine of said compounds.

10 Journal of Medicinal Chemistry, 1993, 36, pp 4121-4123 discloses 4-amino-N-[(1-butyl-4-piperidinyl)methyl]-5-chloro-2-methoxy-benzamide as a potent and selective 5HT₄-receptor antagonist.

15 WO 93/05038, published on March 18, 1993 (SmithKline Beecham PLC) discloses a number of substituted 4-piperidinylmethyl 8-amino-7-chloro-1,4-benzodioxan-5-carboxamides having 5HT₄-receptor antagonistic activity.

20 WO 94/10174, published on May 11, 1994 (SmithKline Beecham PLC) discloses a number of substituted 4-pyridinylmethyl oxazino[3,2-a]indole-carboxamide derivatives having 5HT₄-receptor antagonistic activity.

25 The above prior art documents all disclose substituted 4-piperidinylmethyl carboxamides and the analogues thereof having 5HT₄-receptor antagonistic activity. Compounds showing 5HT₄ antagonism are taught to have potential interest in the treatment of, for example, irritable bowel syndrome, in particular the diarrhoea aspects of irritable bowel syndrome, *i.e.* these compounds block the ability of 5HT (which stands for 5-hydroxy-tryptamine, *i.e.* serotonin) to stimulate gut motility (see WO-93/05038, page 8, lines 12 to 17). The present gastroprotective compounds differ in structure mainly by the presence of a hydroxy- or an alkyloxy group on the central 30 piperidine ring.

35 WO 93/16072, published on August 19, 1993 discloses 5-amino-N-[(1-butyl-4-piperidinyl)methyl]-6-chloro-3,4-dihydro-2H-1-benzopyran-8-carboxamide having 5 HT₄ receptor antagonistic activity.

35 Bioorganic & Medicinal Chem. Lett., 1996, 6, pp. 263-266, and WO-96/33186 (Pharmacia S.P.A.), published on October 24, 1996, disclose 4-amino-N-(1-butyl-4-piperidinyl)methyl-5-chloro-2,3-dihydro-7-benzofurancarboxamide having 5 HT₄ receptor agonistic activity.

The compounds of the present invention differ from the previous prior art documents due to the presence of a hydroxy or a C₁-6alkyloxygroup on the 3 position of the central piperidine ring.

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EP-0,299,566, published on 18 January 1989, discloses *N*-(3-hydroxy-4-piperidinyl)benzamides having gastrointestinal motility stimulating activity.

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EP-0,309,043, published on 29 March 1989, discloses substituted *N*-(1-alkyl-3-hydroxy-4-piperidinyl)benzamides having gastrointestinal motility stimulating activity.

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EP-0,389,037, published on 26 September 1990, discloses *N*-(3-hydroxy-4-piperidinyl)(dihydrobenzofuran, dihydro-2*H*-benzopyran or dihydrobenzodioxin)-carboxamide derivatives having gastrointestinal motility stimulating activity.

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The latter three prior art documents all disclose carboxamide derivatives wherein the amide function is bonded directly with the piperidine ring, while the compounds of the present invention all have an amide function wherein a methylene group is present between the carbamoyl nitrogen and the piperidine ring.

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EP-0,774,460, published on 21 May 1997, and WO-97/11054, published on 27 March 1997 disclose a number of benzoic acid compounds as 5-HT₄ agonists useful for treating gastric motility disorders.

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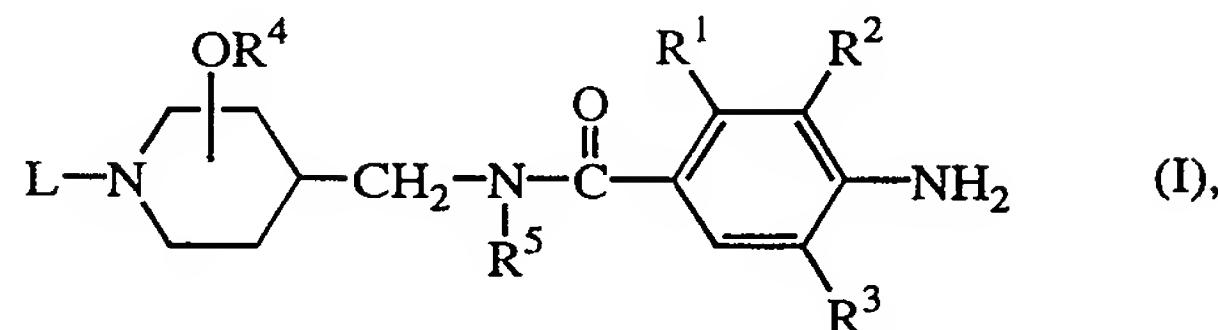
The compounds of the present invention differ from the latter two prior art documents due to the presence of a hydroxy or a C₁-6alkyloxygroup on the 3- or 4-position of the central piperidine ring. Furthermore, those compounds of the present invention wherein R² is other than hydrogen are also structurally different over said prior art documents.

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The problem this invention sets out to solve is to provide compounds having gastrointestinal motility stimulating properties, particularly having superior gastric emptying activity. Preferably said compounds should be orally active.

The solution to this problem is provided by the novel compounds of formula (I) that differ structurally from the prior art, *inter alia*, by the presence of a hydroxy or a C₁-6alkyloxygroup on the 3- or 4-position of the central piperidine ring, or by the presence of a methylene group between the carbamoyl group and the piperidine ring.

The present invention concerns a compound of formula (I)



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a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, an *N*-oxide form thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salt thereof,
wherein

R^1 is C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{2-6} alkenyloxy or C_{2-6} alkynyoxy;

10 R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkyloxy;

R^3 is hydrogen or halo;

R^4 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^5 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

15 L is C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{5-6} cycloalkanone, or C_{2-6} alkenyl,
or L is a radical of formula

$-Alk-R^6$ (b-1),

$-Alk-X-R^7$ (b-2),

$-Alk-Y-C(=O)-R^9$ (b-3), or

$-Alk-Y-C(=O)-NR^{11}R^{12}$ (b-4),

20 wherein each Alk is C_{1-12} alkanediyl; and

R^6 is hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-6} alkylsulfonylamino, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{5-6} cycloalkanone, or Het^1 ;

R^7 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, or Het^2 ;

X is O, S, SO_2 or NR^8 ; said R^8 being hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

25 R^9 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or hydroxy;

Y is NR^{10} or a direct bond; said R^{10} being hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^{11} and R^{12} each independently are hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, or R^{11} and R^{12} combined with the nitrogen atom bearing R^{11} and R^{12} may form a pyrrolidinyl or piperidinyl ring both being optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, amino or mono or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino, or said R^{11} and R^{12} combined with the nitrogen bearing R^{11} and R^{12} may form a piperazinyl or 4-morpholinyl radical both being optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl; and

Het^1 and Het^2 each independently are selected from furan; furan substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl or halo; tetrahydrofuran; a tetrahydrofuran substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl; a

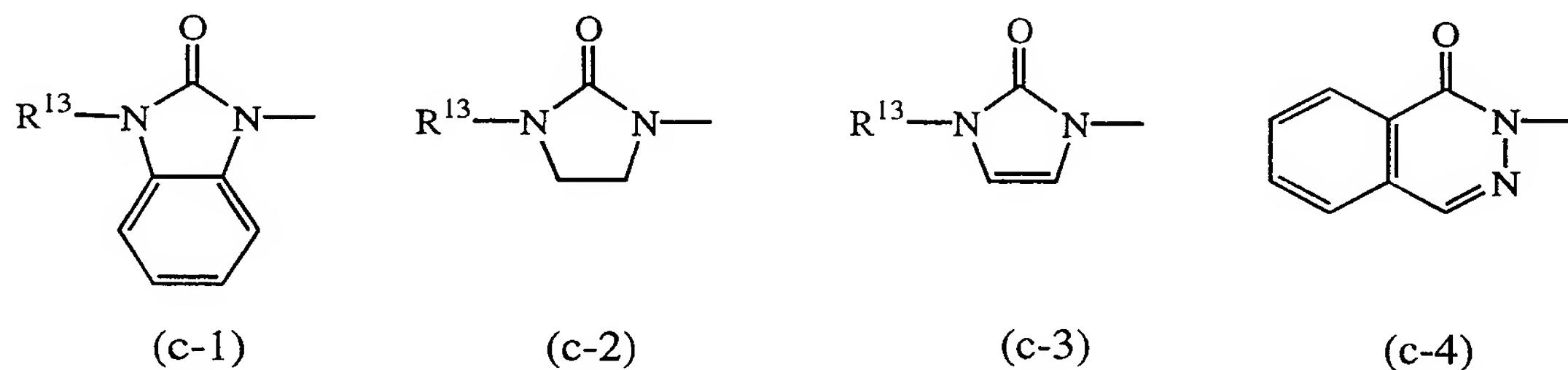
35 dioxolane; a dioxolane substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, a dioxane; a dioxane substituted

with C₁₋₆alkyl; tetrahydropyran; a tetrahydropyran substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl; pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolidinyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano, or C₁₋₆alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano,

5 C₁₋₆alkyl; pyrimidinyl; pyrimidinyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, amino and mono and di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; pyridazinyl; pyridazinyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyl or halo; pyrazinyl; pyrazinyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, amino, mono- and di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino and C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;

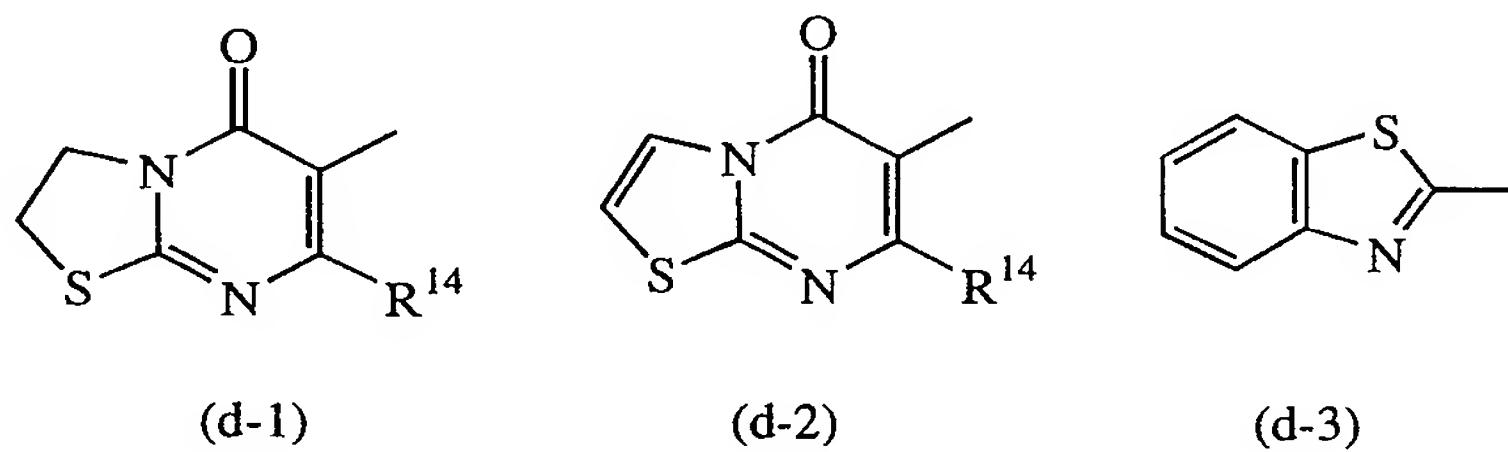
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Het¹ can also be a radical of formula



15 (c-1) (c-2) (c-3) (c-4)

Het¹ and Het² each independently can also be selected from the radicals of formula



20 20 R¹³ and R¹⁴ each independently are hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkyl.

As used in the foregoing definitions halo is generic to fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo; C₁₋₄alkyl defines straight and branched chain saturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms such as, for example, methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, 1-methyl-ethyl, 2-methylpropyl and the like; C₁₋₆alkyl is meant to include C₁₋₄alkyl and the higher homologues thereof having 5 or 6 carbon atoms, such as, for example, 2-methyl-butyl, pentyl, hexyl and the like; C₃₋₆cycloalkyl is generic to cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl and cyclohexyl; C₂₋₆alkenyl defines straight and branched chain unsaturated hydrocarbon radicals having from 2 to 6 carbon atoms, such as ethenyl,

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propenyl, butenyl, pentenyl or hexenyl; C₂₋₆alkynyl defines straight and branched chain hydrocarbon radicals having 2 to 6 atoms containing a triple bond, such as ethynyl, propynyl, butynyl, pentynyl or hexynyl; C₁₋₁₂alkanediyl defines bivalent straight or branched chain hydrocarbon radicals containing from 1 to 12 carbon atoms such as, for example, 1,2-ethanediyl, 1,3-propanediyl, 1,4-butanediyl, 1,5-pantanediyl, 1,6-hexanediyl, 1,7-heptanediyl, 1,8-octanediyl, 1,9-nonanediyl, 1,10-decanediyl, 1,11-undecanediyl, 1,12-dodecanediyl and the branched isomers thereof. C₁₋₆alkanediyl is defined in an analogous way as C₁₋₁₂alkanediyl

10 The -OR⁴ radical is preferably situated at the 3- or 4-position of the piperidine moiety.

The term "stereochemically isomeric forms" as used hereinbefore defines all the possible isomeric forms which the compounds of formula (I) may possess. Unless otherwise mentioned or indicated, the chemical designation of compounds denotes the mixture of all possible stereochemically isomeric forms, said mixtures containing all diastereomers and enantiomers of the basic molecular structure. More in particular, stereogenic centers may have the R- or S-configuration; substituents on bivalent cyclic (partially) saturated radicals may have either the cis- or trans-configuration.

15 Compounds encompassing double bonds can have an E or Z-stereochemistry at said double bond. Stereochemically isomeric forms of the compounds of formula (I) are obviously intended to be embraced within the scope of this invention.

The pharmaceutically acceptable acid and base addition salts as mentioned hereinabove are meant to comprise the therapeutically active non-toxic acid and base addition salt forms which the compounds of formula (I) are able to form. The pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts can conveniently be obtained by treating the base form with such appropriate acid. Appropriate acids comprise, for example, inorganic acids such as hydrohalic acids, e.g. hydrochloric or hydrobromic acid, sulfuric, nitric, phosphoric and the like acids; or organic acids such as, for example, acetic, propanoic, hydroxyacetic, lactic, pyruvic, oxalic (*i.e.* ethanedioic), malonic, succinic (*i.e.* butanedioic acid), maleic, fumaric, malic, tartaric, citric, methanesulfonic, ethanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, *p*-toluenesulfonic, cyclamic, salicylic, *p*-aminosalicylic, pamoic and the like acids.

35 Conversely said salt forms can be converted by treatment with an appropriate base into the free base form.

The compounds of formula (I) containing an acidic proton may also be converted into their non-toxic metal or amine addition salt forms by treatment with appropriate organic and inorganic bases. Appropriate base salt forms comprise, for example, the ammonium salts, the alkali and earth alkaline metal salts, e.g. the lithium, sodium, 5 potassium, magnesium, calcium salts and the like, salts with organic bases, e.g. the benzathine, *N*-methyl-*D*-glucamine, hydrabamine salts, and salts with amino acids such as, for example, arginine, lysine and the like.

10 The term addition salt as used hereinabove also comprises the solvates which the compounds of formula (I) as well as the salts thereof, are able to form. Such solvates are for example hydrates, alcoholates and the like.

15 Some of the compounds of formula (I) may also exist in their tautomeric form. Such forms although not explicitly indicated in the above formula are intended to be included within the scope of the present invention. For instance, when an aromatic heterocyclic ring is substituted with hydroxy the keto-form may be the mainly populated tautomer.

20 The *N*-oxide forms of the compounds of formula (I), which may be prepared in art-known manners, are meant to comprise those compounds of formula (I) wherein one or several nitrogen atoms are oxidized to the *N*-oxide. Particularly those *N*-oxides are envisaged wherein the piperidine-nitrogen is *N*-oxidized.

25 A group of interesting compounds consists of those compounds of formula (I) wherein one or more of the following restrictions apply :

- 25 R^1 is C_{1-4} alkyloxy; and R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-4} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkyloxy;
- R^3 is fluoro, chloro or bromo; in particular chloro;
- R^4 is hydrogen or methyl, and the $-OR^4$ radical is situated at the 3- or 4-position of the piperidine ring; or
- R^5 is hydrogen.

30 More interesting compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein R^1 is methoxy, R^2 is hydrogen and R^3 is chloro.

35 Other more interesting compounds are those compounds of formula (I) wherein R^1 is methoxy, R^2 is methyl or methoxy and R^3 is chloro.

Further more interesting compounds are those interesting compounds of formula (I) wherein R^4 is hydrogen or methyl.

Particular compounds are those more interesting compounds wherein the -OR⁴ radical is situated at the 3-position of the central piperidine moiety having the trans configuration, *i.e.* the -OR⁴ radical is in the trans position in relation to the methylene on the central piperidine moiety.

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Very particular compounds are those compounds wherein L is :

C₃-6cycloalkyl or C₂-6alkenyl; or

a radical of formula (b-1), wherein each Alk is C₁-6alkanediyl, and R⁶ is hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, amino, C₁-6alkylsulfonylamino, C₃-6cycloalkyl or Het¹, wherein Het¹ is tetrahydrofuran; dioxolane; dioxolane substituted with C₁-6alkyl; tetrahydropyran; pyridazinyl substituted with one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halo and C₁-6alkyl; or a radical of formula (c-1), (c-3) or (c-4) wherein R¹³ is C₁-4alkyl; or a radical of formula (b-2), wherein Alk is C₁-6alkanediyl, X is O, and R⁷ is C₁-6alkyl or hydroxyC₁-6alkyl; or

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a radical of formula (b-2), wherein Alk is C₁-6alkanediyl, R⁷ is Het² wherein Het² is pyrazinyl substituted with C₁-6alkyl, and X is NR⁸ wherein R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-6alkyl; or a radical of formula (b-3) wherein Y is a direct bond, and R⁹ is C₁-6alkyl, hydroxy or C₁-6alkyloxy; or

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a radical of formula (b-4) wherein Y is a direct bond, and R¹¹ and R¹² are C₁-6alkyl, or R¹¹ and R¹² combined with the nitrogen atom bearing R¹¹ and R¹² form pyrrolidinyl.

Preferred compounds are those compounds wherein L is butyl; propyl substituted with methoxy, methylcarbonyl or 2-methyl-1,3-dioxolane; ethyl substituted with 4-methyl-2-pyridazinone or tetrahydropyranyl; or methyl substituted with tetrahydrofuranyl or tetrahydropyranyl.

Most preferred are

trans-4-amino-5-chloro-N-[[3-hydroxy-1-[(tetrahydro-2-furanyl)methyl]-4-

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piperidinyl]methyl]-2,3-dimethoxybenzamide,

trans-4-amino-5-chloro-N-[[3-hydroxy-1-(4-oxopentyl)-4-piperidinyl]methyl]-2,3-dimethoxybenzamide, and

trans-4-amino-5-chloro-N-[[3-hydroxy-1-[2-(tetrahydro-2-furanyl)ethyl]-4-piperidinyl]methyl]-2-methoxy-3-methylbenzamide, and the pharmaceutically

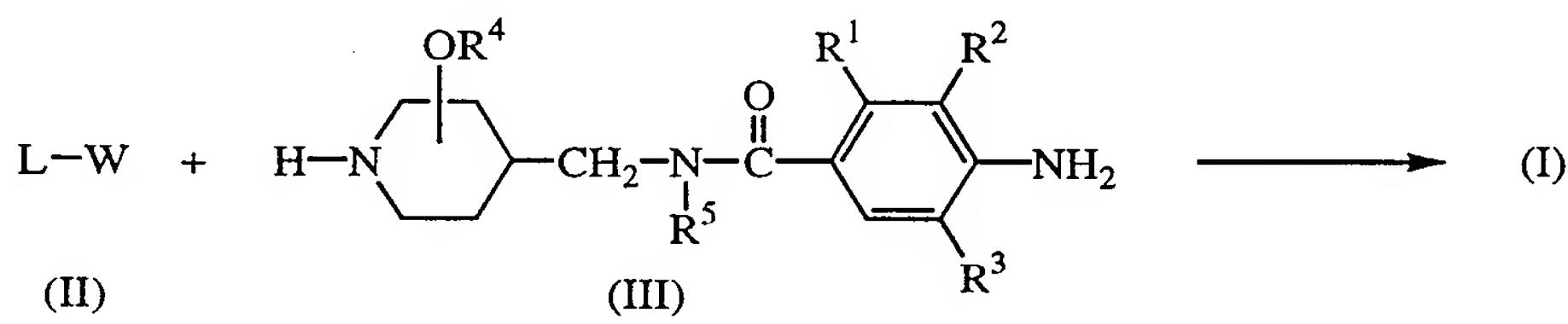
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acceptable acid or base addition salts, the stereoisomeric forms, or the N-oxides thereof.

The compounds of the present invention can generally be prepared by *N*-alkylating an intermediate of formula (III) with an intermediate of formula (II), wherein W is an

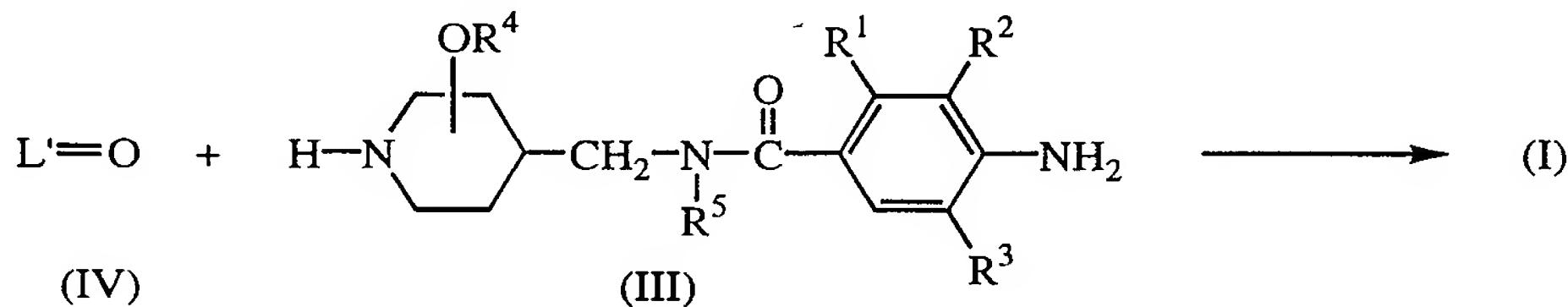
appropriate leaving group such as, for example, halo, e.g. fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, or in some instances W may also be a sulfonyloxy group, e.g. methanesulfonyloxy, benzenesulfonyloxy, trifluoromethanesulfonyloxy and the like reactive leaving groups. The reaction can be performed in a reaction-inert solvent such as, for example, 5 acetonitrile, and optionally in the presence of a suitable base such as, for example, sodium carbonate, potassium carbonate or triethylamine. Stirring may enhance the rate of the reaction. The reaction may conveniently be carried out at a temperature ranging between room temperature and the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture.

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Alternatively, compounds of formula (I) can also be prepared by reductively 15 N-alkylating an intermediate of formula (III) with an intermediate of formula $L'=\text{O}$ (IV), wherein $L'=\text{O}$ represents a derivative of formula $L-\text{H}$ wherein two geminal hydrogen atoms are replaced by oxygen, following art-known reductive *N*-alkylation procedures.

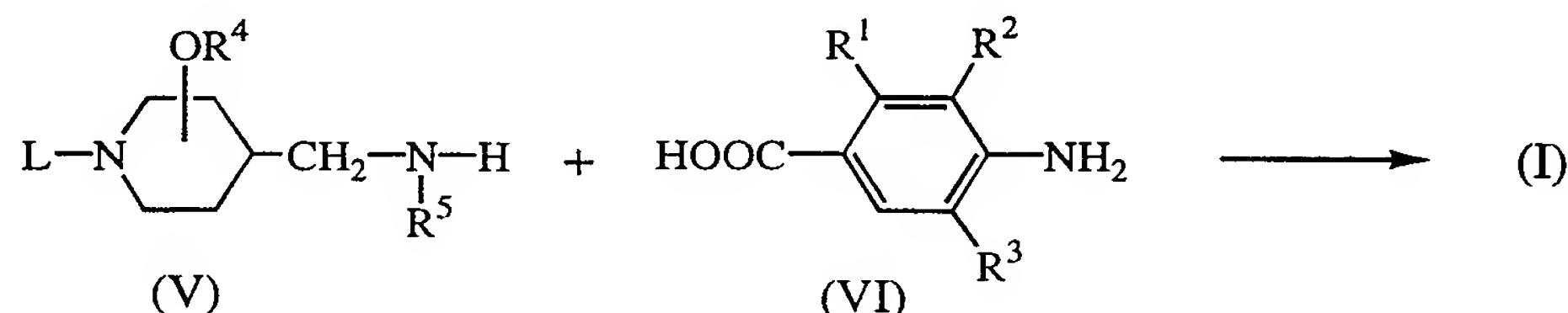
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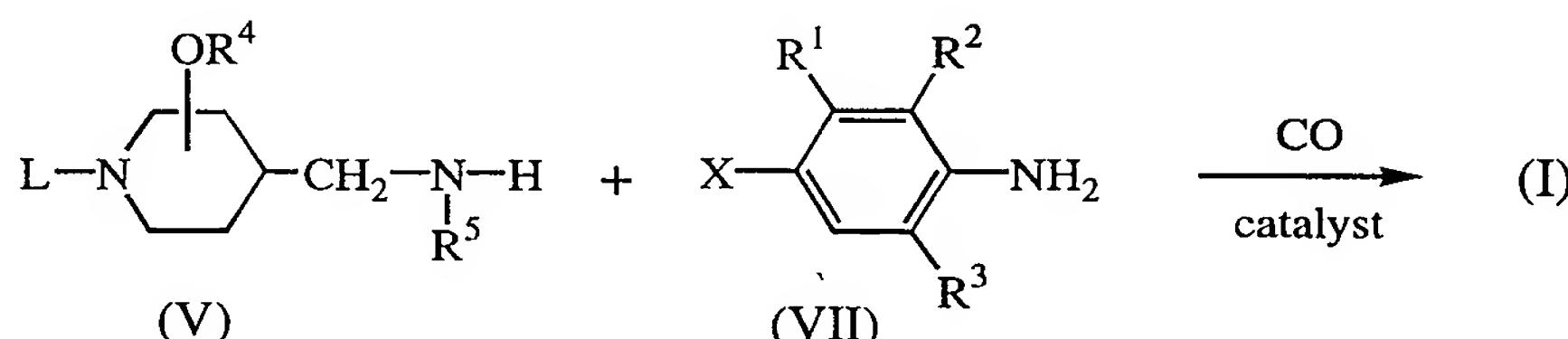
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Said reductive *N*-alkylation can be performed in a reaction-inert solvent such as, for 25 example, dichloromethane, ethanol, toluene or a mixture thereof, and in the presence of a reducing agent such as, for example, a borohydride, e.g. sodium borohydride, sodium cyanoborohydride or triacetoxy borohydride. It may also be convenient to use hydrogen as a reducing agent in combination with a suitable catalyst such as, for example, palladium-on-charcoal or platinum-on-charcoal. In case hydrogen is used as reducing 30 agent, it may be advantageous to add a dehydrating agent to the reaction mixture such as, for example, aluminium *tert*-butoxide. In order to prevent the undesired further hydrogenation of certain functional groups in the reactants and the reaction products, it may also be advantageous to add an appropriate catalyst-poison to the reaction mixture, e.g., thiophene or quinoline-sulphur. To enhance the rate of the reaction, the temperature may be elevated in a range between room temperature and the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture and optionally the pressure of the hydrogen gas may be raised.

The compounds of formula (I) may be prepared by reacting an intermediate of formula (V) with an carboxylic acid derivative of formula (VI) or a reactive functional derivative thereof, such as for example carbonyl imidazole derivatives. Said amide-bond formation may be performed by stirring the reactants in an appropriate solvent, 5 optionally in the presence of a base, such as sodium imidazolide.



10 Further, compounds of formula (I) can be prepared by carbonylation of an intermediate of formula (VII), wherein X is bromo or iodo, in the presence of an intermediate of formula (V).

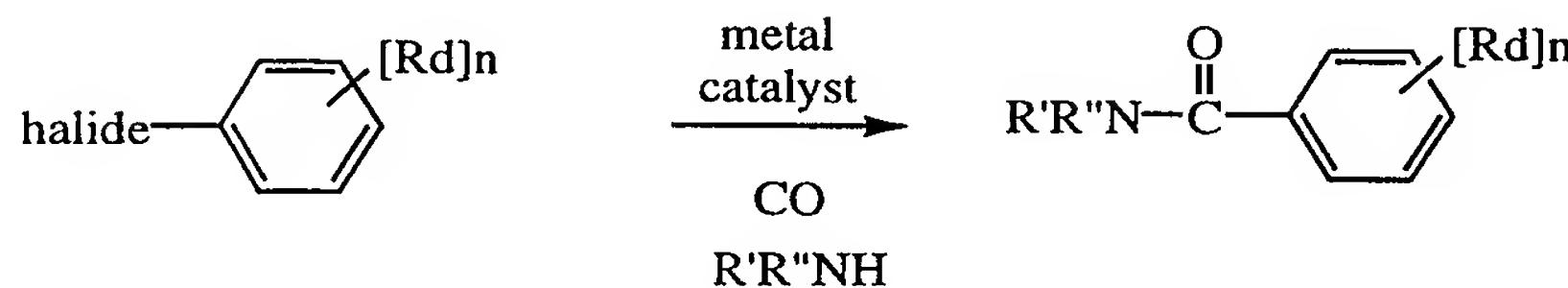


15 Said carbonylation reaction can be carried out in a reaction-inert solvent such as, e.g. acetonitrile or tetrahydrofuran, in the presence of a suitable catalyst and a suitable base such as a tertiary amine e.g. triethylamine, and at a temperature ranging between room temperature and the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture. Suitable catalysts are, 20 for instance, palladium(triphenylphosphine) complexes. Carbon monoxide is administered at atmospheric pressure or at an increased pressure. Analogous carbonylation reactions are described in Chapter 8 of "Palladium reagents in organic syntheses", Academic Press Ltd., Benchtop Edition 1990, by Richard F. Heck; and the references cited therein.

25 Said amide formation reaction is known from the above mentioned reference with metal catalysts which are soluble such as palladium(triphenylphosphine) complexes. Unexpectedly, we deem to have found that these reactions can also be performed on metal catalysts which are insoluble or immobilized on a solid carrier. Suitable catalysts 30 are for example palladium-on-carbon, Raney nickel or Cu₂O. These insoluble catalysts or catalysts on a solid phase are much less expensive than the metal complexes and are often much easier to handle when synthesis is done on an industrial scale.

In other words, we have found a novel and inventive way to prepare amides in the following way :

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In the above formulas Rd represent any substituent possible on a phenyl, n is an integer from 1 to 5, and R'R''NH can be any primary or secondary amine. The term halide suitably refers to chloro, bromo, iodo. Preferred halides are bromo and iodo.

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The preferred catalyst is palladium-on-carbon.

The pressure of CO, *i.e.* carbon monoxide, may vary according to the substrates and reactants and a person skilled in the art will certainly be able to find a suitable range 15 after little straightforward experimentation. The preferred pressure of CO, *i.e.* carbon monoxide, is 50 kg/cm² (about 4.9 x 10⁶ Pa). It may suitably range between about 1 kg/cm² (about 1x 10⁵ Pa) and about 100 kg/cm² (about 10 x 10⁶ Pa).

The reaction temperature may range from room temperature to the reflux temperature of 20 the reaction mixture.

This reaction is preferably performed in a solvent, which can be in the amine R'R''NH itself, or in acetonitrile or in tetrahydrofuran.

25 Preferably said R'R''NH amine is a primary amine.

Suitably a base is also present. An interesting suitable base is for instance triethylamine.

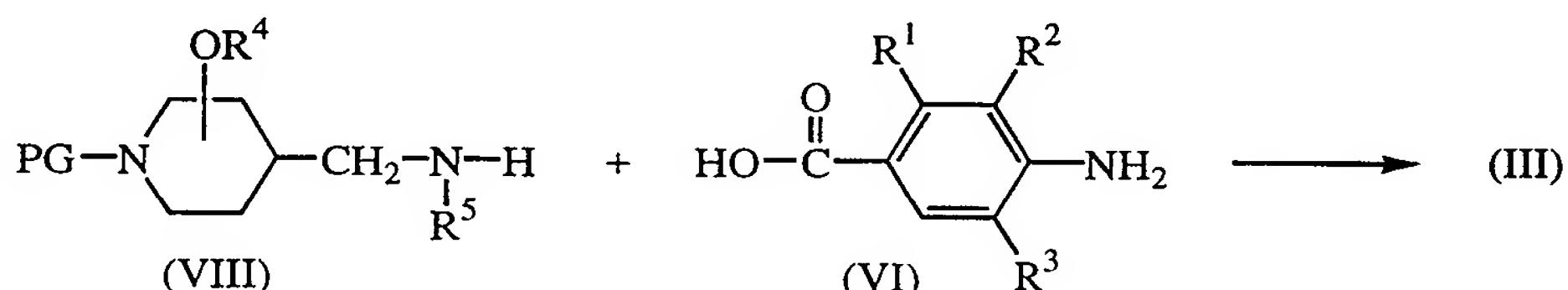
The starting materials and some of the intermediates are known compounds and are 30 commercially available or may be prepared according to conventional reaction procedures generally known in the art. For example, a number of intermediates of formula (VI) may be prepared according to art-known methodologies described in EP-0,389,037.

35 However, some intermediates of formula (VI) are novel and, hence, the invention also provides novel intermediates of formula (VI) wherein R¹ is methoxy, R² is methyl or

methoxy and R³ is chloro. Said novel intermediates of formula (VI) are prepared as described in Example A.3.

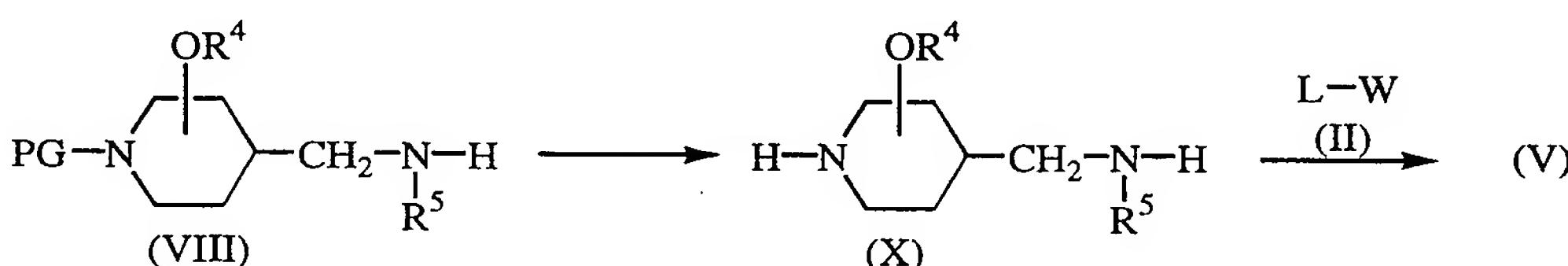
An intermediate of formula (III) may be prepared by reacting an intermediate of formula (VIII), wherein PG represents an appropriate protective group, such as for example a *tert*-butoxycarbonyl or a benzyl group or a photoremovable group, with an acid of formula (VI), or an appropriate reactive functional derivative thereof, such as for example carbonyl imidazole derivatives, and subsequent deprotection of the thus formed intermediate, *i.e.* removal of PG by art-known methods.

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An intermediate of formula (V) may be prepared by reacting an intermediate of formula (X), with an intermediate of formula (II). Said intermediate of formula (X) may be prepared by deprotection of an intermediate of formula (VIII).

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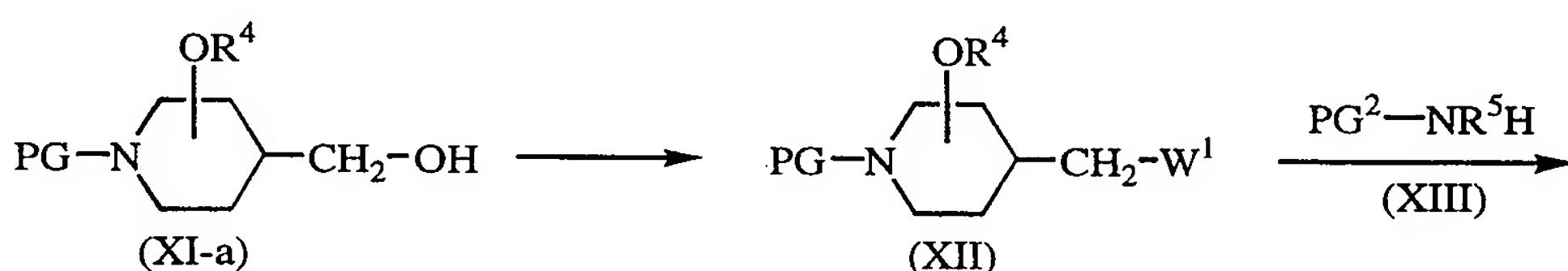
In some cases, it may be appropriate to protect the amine functionality bearing the R⁵ radical in the above described reaction sequence. Protecting groups for amine functionalities are art-known. These protecting groups may then be removed at the appropriate time during the further synthesis.

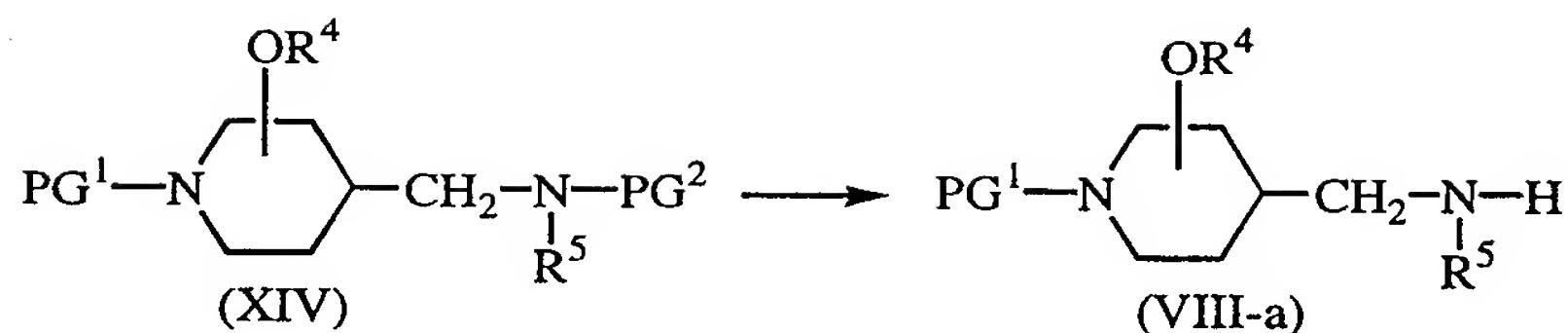
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Intermediates of formula (VIII-a), being intermediates of formula (VIII) wherein PG¹ is a protecting group which cannot be removed by hydrogenation such as e.g. a *tert*-butoxycarbonyl, can be prepared according to scheme 1.

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Scheme 1



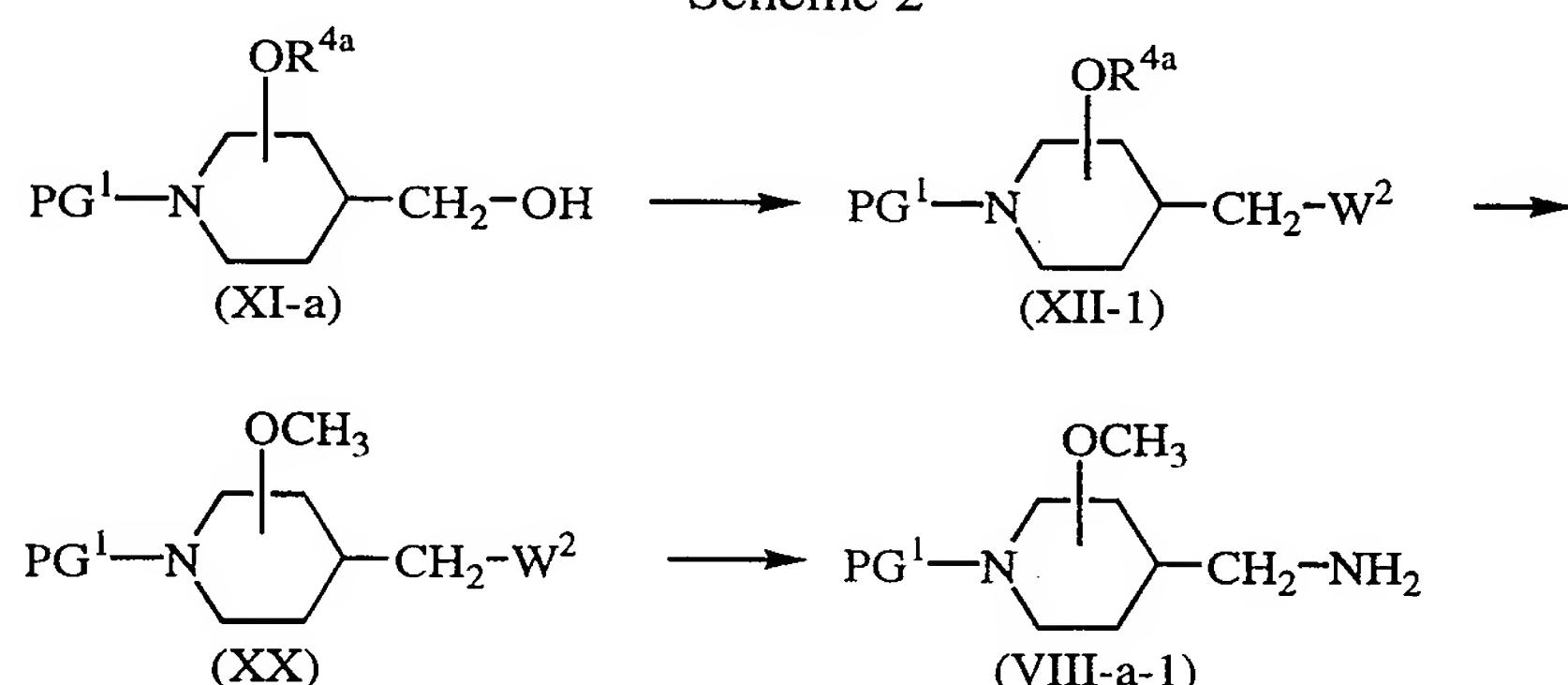


In scheme 1, an intermediate of formula (XI-a) is converted to an intermediate of formula (XII), wherein W^1 is a leaving group such as halo or sulfonyloxy.

5 Subsequently, intermediate (XII) is treated with an intermediate of formula (XIII),
wherein PG² is a protecting group which can be removed by hydrogenation such as, e.g.
benzyl. Removal of the protecting group PG² from intermediate (XIV) yields
intermediates of formula (VIII-a).

10 Intermediates of formula (VIII-a-1), defined as intermediates of formula (VIII-a)
wherein R⁴ is methyl, can be prepared as described in scheme 2.

Scheme 2.

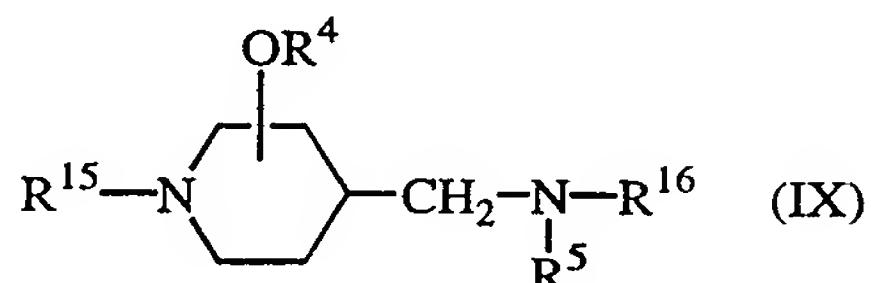


15 In scheme 2, an intermediate of formula (XI-a), wherein R^{4a} is hydrogen, is converted to an intermediate of formula (XII-1), wherein W^2 is a suitable leaving group such as e.g. a tosylate group. Subsequently, the secundary hydroxy of intermediate (XII-1), *i.e.* the $-OR^{4a}$ moiety, is converted to a methoxy using suitable methylation conditions such as e.g. treatment with sodium hydride in tetrahydrofuran and addition of methyliodide.

20 Conversion of intermediate (XX) to intermediate (VIII-a-1) can be done using art-known reaction procedures.

In an aspect of the present invention, novel compounds of formula (IX) are provided wherein R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are each independently selected from hydrogen or a protective group PG, and R⁴ and R⁵ are as defined above. Suitable protecting groups PG are, e.g. C₁₋₄alkylcarbonyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl, trihalomethylcarbonyl, diphenylmethyl, triphenylmethyl or arylmethyl, wherein aryl is phenyl optionally substituted with up to

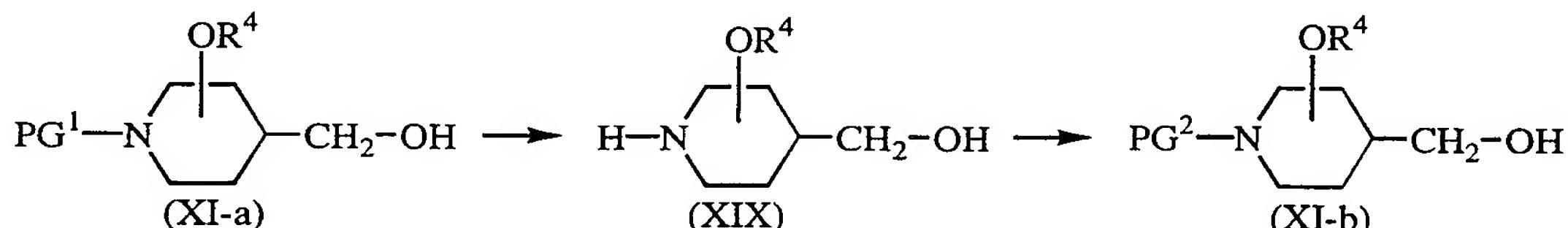
two substituents selected from C₁-4alkyloxy or halo. Said novel compounds of formula (IX) comprise the intermediates of formula (VIII), (X) and (XIV).



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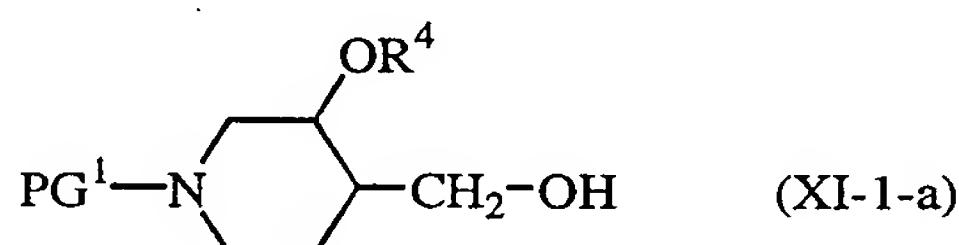
Intermediates of formula (XI-a), wherein PG¹ is a protecting group which cannot be removed by hydrogenation such as e.g. a *tert*-butoxycarbonyl, can be converted to intermediates of formula (XI-b), wherein PG² is a protecting group which can be removed by hydrogenation such as, e.g. benzyl, using an appropriate deprotection -

10 protection reaction sequence. Conversely, intermediates of formula (XI-b) can also be converted to intermediates of formula (XI-a).



15 An intermediate of formula (XI-b), wherein the -OR⁴ moiety is located on the 3-position of the piperidine moiety, R⁴ is a hydrogen and PG² is a benzyl group, having the trans configuration, is known from *J. Med. Chem.*, 16, pp. 156-159 (1973). Said article also describes an intermediate of formula (XIX), wherein the -OR⁴ moiety is located on the 3-position of the piperidine moiety and R⁴ is a hydrogen, having the 20 trans configuration.

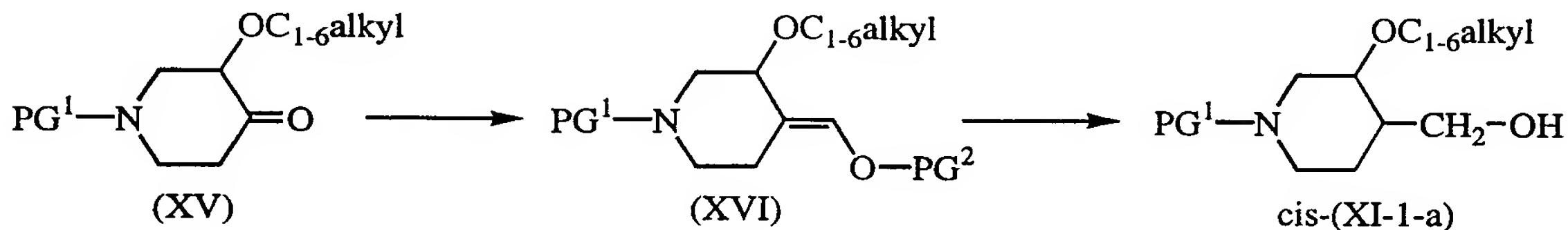
Intermediates of formula (XI-1-a) are defined as intermediates of formula (XI-a) wherein the -OR⁴ moiety is located on the 3-position of the piperidine moiety.



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Those intermediates of formula (XI-1-a) wherein R⁴ is C₁-6alkyl and having the cis configuration can be prepared by hydrogenating an intermediate of formula (XVI) following art-known methods. The intermediate (XVI), wherein PG¹ and PG² are as defined above, can be prepared by reacting a protected piperidone of formula (XV) with a phosphonium reagent of formula [(aryl)₃P-CH₂-O-PG²]⁺-halide⁻, in appropriate

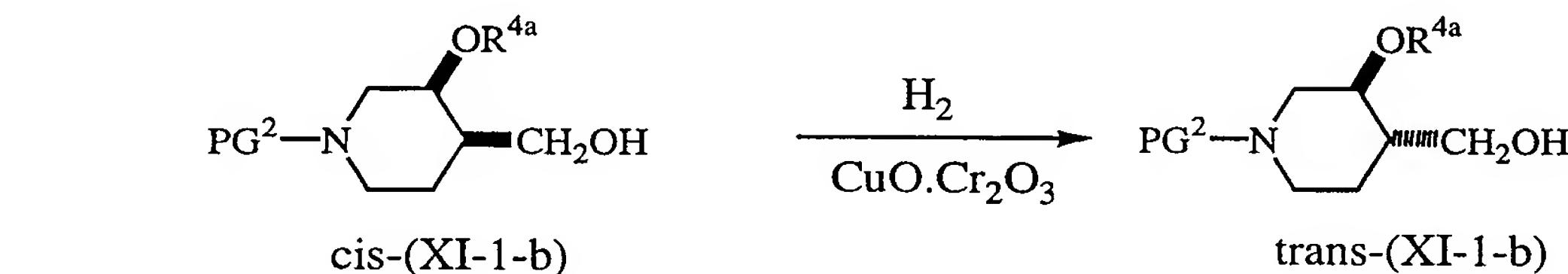
conditions for carrying out a Wittig-type reaction. Subsequent removal of PG² yields intermediates of formula (XI-1-a) having the cis configuration.



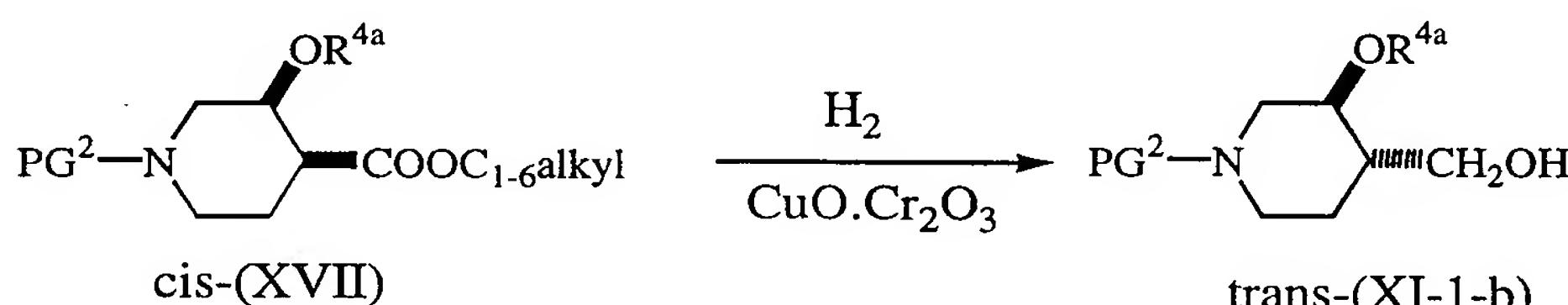
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A novel way of preparing an intermediate of formula (XI-1-b) having the trans-configuration was found. Said novel preparation starts from an intermediate of formula (XI-1-b) having the cis-configuration or from an intermediate of formula (XVII) having the cis-configuration. In said intermediates of formula (XI-1-b) and (XVII) PG² is as defined above, R^{4a} is hydrogen, C₁₋₆alkyl or a protective group such as for example, benzyl, *tert*-butoxycarbonyl and the like.

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Said inversion-reaction is carried out in an appropriate solvent, such as, for example an ether, e.g. tetrahydrofuran in the presence of CuO.Cr₂O₃ under a hydrogen atmosphere and in the presence of an appropriate base, such as, for example calciumoxide.

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The preferred hydrogen pressure and reaction temperature is dependent upon the starting material. Starting from cis-(XI-1-b) the hydrogen pressure preferably ranges from 900 to 2000 kPa (measured at room temperature) and the reaction temperature ranges from room temperature up to 200°C, preferably the reaction temperature is about 120°C.

When starting from cis-(XVII), the preferred hydrogen pressure range is from 1500 kPa to 2200 kPa, preferably between 1800 kPa to 2000 kPa. The reaction temperature is between 100°C and 200°C preferably at about 125°C. Apparently an equilibrium is reached, typically with a diastereomeric ratio of about 65:35 (trans : cis) as determined

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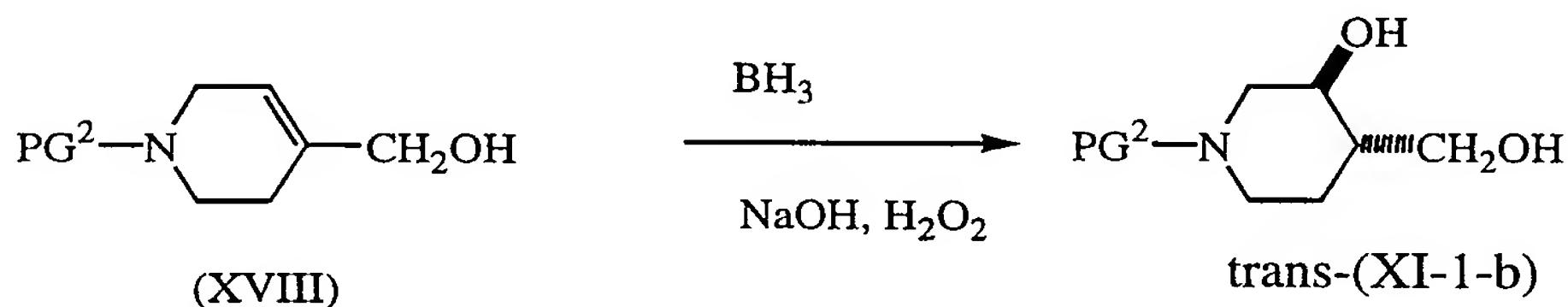
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by gas chromatography. However via recrystallization it is possible to purify the desired trans-isomer. A suitable solvent for recrystallization is an ether, e.g. diisopropyl ether.

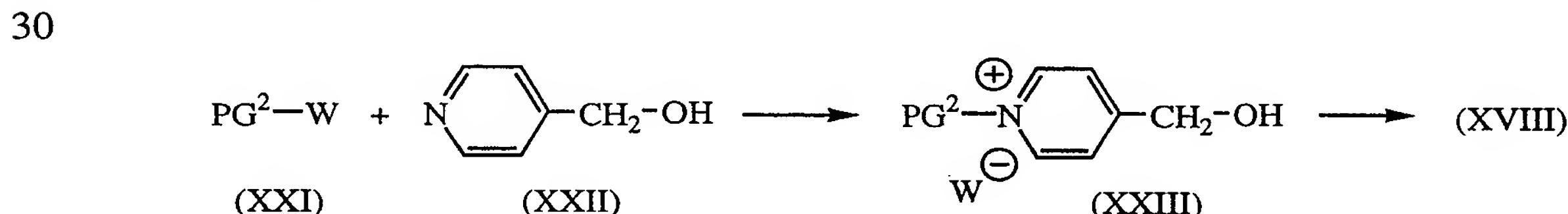
5 The pure intermediate of formula trans-(XI-1-b) having the trans configuration can also be obtained by chromatographic techniques, such as, for example gravitation chromatography or (H)PLC, starting from the cis/trans mixture of the intermediate (XI-1-b).

Still another novel way of preparing intermediates of formula trans-(XI-1-b) is to react

10 an intermediate of formula (XVIII) with borane or a borane derivative. Borane itself is commercially available as a borane-tetrahydrofuran complex. Borane derivatives, especially chiral borane derivatives are also commercially available. The reaction with borane is performed in a reaction inert solvent, preferable an ether, e.g. tetrahydrofuran. While adding the borane or the borane derivative the reaction mixture is kept at
15 temperatures below 0°C, interestingly at a temperature of about - 30°C. After adding the borane or the borane derivative to the reaction mixture the mixture is allowed to heat up while stirring is continued. The mixture is stirred for several hours. Subsequently, a hydroxide, e.g. sodium hydroxide is added as well as a peroxide, e.g. hydrogen peroxide and the reaction mixture is stirred at elevated temperatures for
20 several hours. After this treatment the reaction product was isolated in art-known manner.



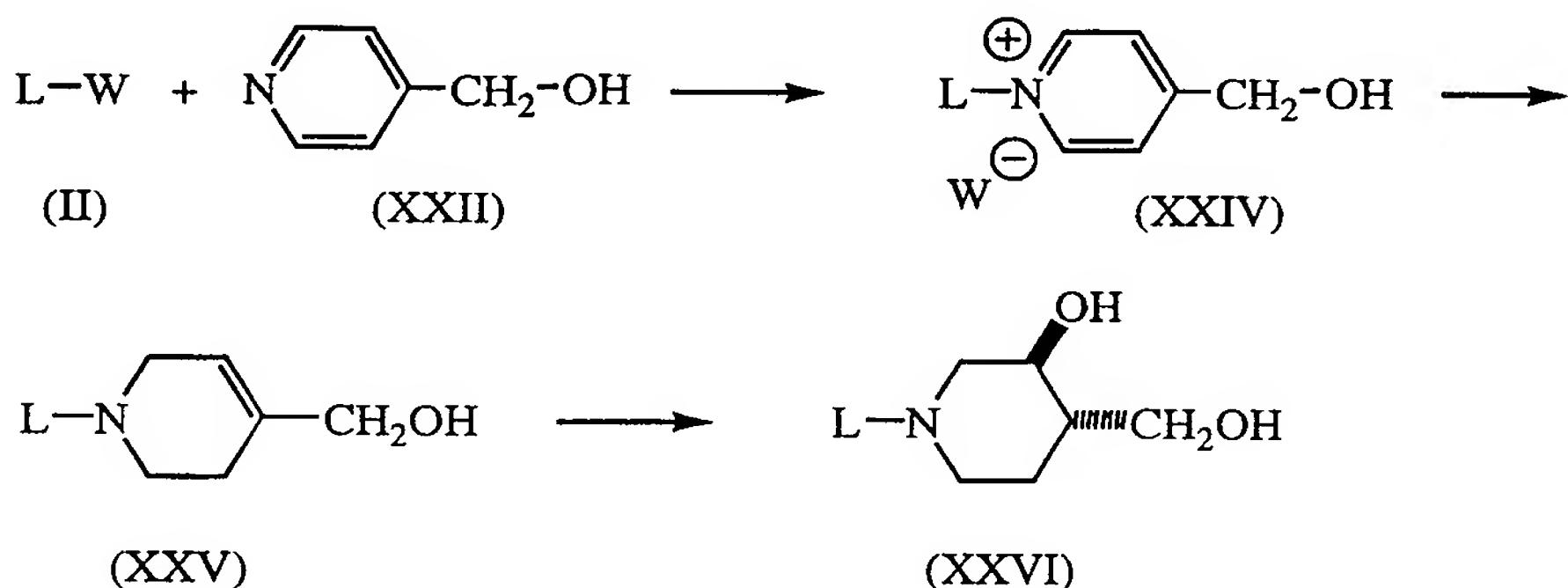
25 Intermediates of formula (XVIII) can be prepared by reacting an intermediate of formula (XXI), wherein PG^2 is as defined above and W is a leaving group as defined above, with an intermediate of formula (XXII), and subsequent reduction of the so-obtained intermediate (XXIII) with sodium borohydride, yielding intermediates of formula (XVIII).



Said reaction procedure can also be used to prepare intermediates of formula (V).

Consequently, an intermediate of formula (II) is reacted with an intermediate of formula (XXII) and the so-obtained intermediate of formula (XXIV) is reduced to an intermediate of formula (XXV) using sodium borohydride. Subsequently, the

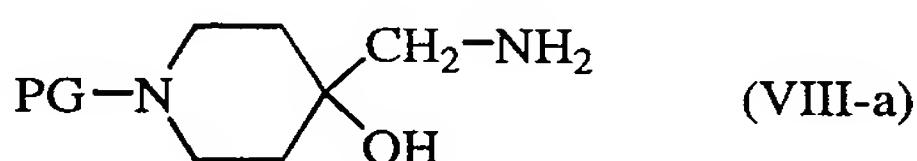
5 intermediates of formula (XXV) are converted to intermediates of formula (XXVI) using the above-described reaction procedure for the conversion of intermediates (XVIII) to intermediates of formula trans-(XI-b).



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Intermediates of formula (XXVI) can be converted to intermediates of formula (V) having the trans configuration, using a reaction procedure as described above in Scheme 1 or Scheme 2.

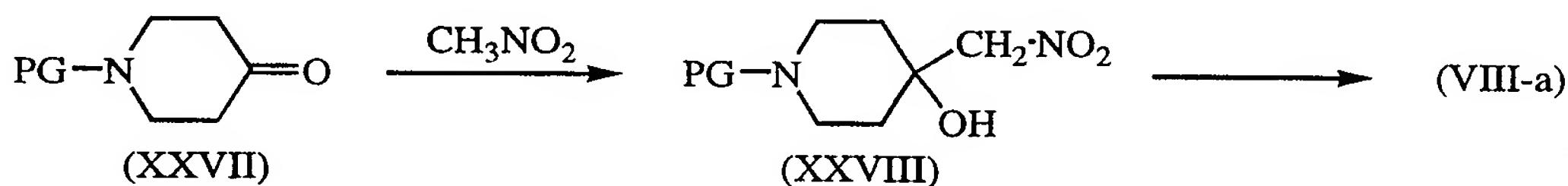
15 Intermediates of formula (VIII-a) are defined as intermediates of formula (VIII) wherein the -OR⁴ moiety is located on the 4-position of the piperidine moiety and R⁴ is hydrogen.



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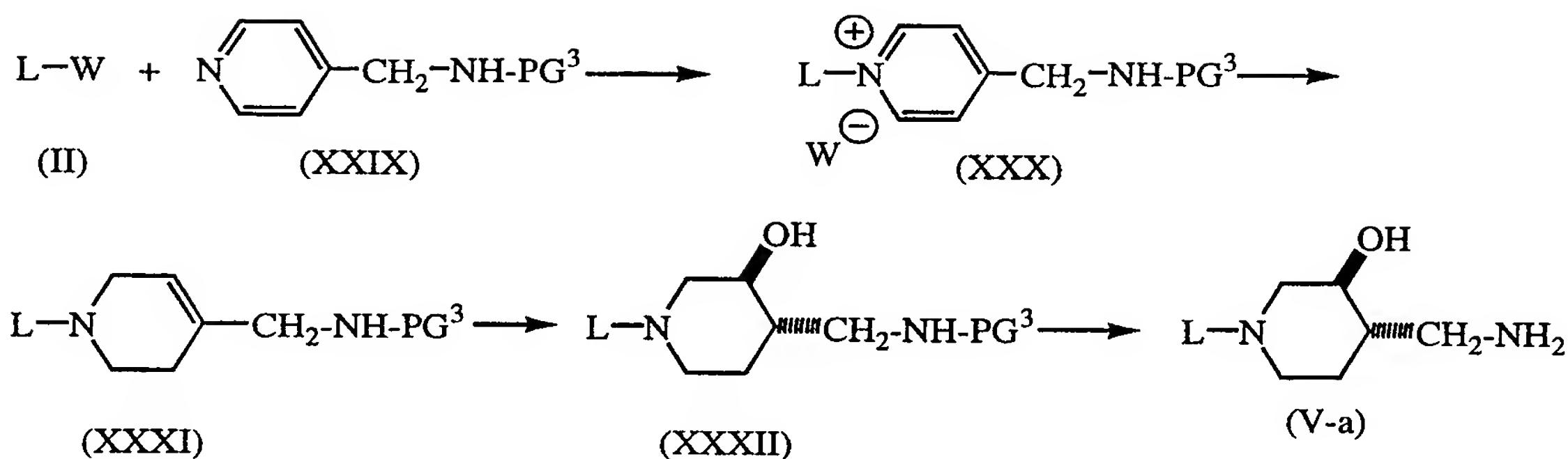
Said intermediates of formula (VIII-a) can be prepared by reacting an intermediate of formula (XXVII) with nitromethane under suitable reaction conditions, such as, e.g. sodium methoxide in methanol, and subsequently converting the nitro group into an amine group, thereby yielding the intermediates of formula (VIII-a).

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Intermediates of formula (V-a), defined as intermediates of formula (V) wherein R⁵ is hydrogen, can be prepared as following :

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An intermediate of formula (II) is reacted with an intermediate of formula (XXIX), wherein *PG*³ is a suitable protecting group such as *p*-toluenesulfonyl, and the 5 so-obtained intermediate of formula (XXX) is reduced to an intermediate of formula (XXXI) using sodium borohydride. Subsequently, the intermediates of formula (XXXI) are converted to intermediates of formula (XXXII) using the above-described reaction 10 procedure for the conversion of intermediates (XVIII) to intermediates of formula trans-(XI-b). Subsequently, removing the protecting group *PG*³ from intermediates (XXXII) yields the intermediates of formula (V-a).

The compounds of formula (I), the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable salts 15 and stereoisomeric forms thereof possess favourable intestinal motility stimulating properties. In particular the present compounds show significant gastric emptying activity as is evidenced in pharmacological example C-1, the "Gastric emptying of an acaloric liquid meal delayed by administration of lidamidine in conscious dogs"-test.

The compounds of formula (I) also are shown to have a beneficial effect such as 20 increase of basal pressure of the LES, *i.e.* Lower Esophageal Sphincter.

Most of the intermediates of formula (III) have shown to have analogous activity as the 25 final compounds of formula (I).

In view of the capability of the compounds of the present invention to enhance the 30 gastrointestinal motility, and in particular to activate gastric emptying, the subject compounds are useful to treat conditions related to a hampered or impaired gastric emptying and more generally to treat conditions related to a hampered or impaired gastrointestinal transit.

In view of the utility of the compounds of formula (I), it follows that the present invention also provides a method of treating warm-blooded animals, including humans, 35 (generally called herein patients) suffering from conditions related to a hampered or

impaired gastric emptying or more generally suffering from conditions related to a hampered or impaired gastrointestinal transit. Consequently a method of treatment is provided for relieving patients suffering from conditions, such as, for example, gastro-oesophageal reflux, dyspepsia, gastroparesis, constipation, post-operative ileus, and 5 intestinal pseudo-obstruction. Gastroparesis can be brought about by an abnormality in the stomach or as a complication of diseases such as diabetes, progressive systemic sclerosis, anorexia nervosa and myotonic dystrophy. Constipation can result from conditions such as lack of intestinal muscle tone or intestinal spasticity. Post-operative ileus is an obstruction or a kinetic impairment in the intestine due to a disruption in 10 muscle tone following surgery. Intestinal pseudo-obstruction is a condition characterized by constipation, colicky pain, and vomiting, but without evidence of physical obstruction. The compounds of the present invention can thus be used either to take away the actual cause of the condition or to relieve the patients from symptoms of the conditions. Dyspepsia is an impairment of the function of digestion, that can arise as 15 a symptom of a primary gastrointestinal dysfunction, especially a gastrointestinal dysfunction related to an increased muscle tone or as a complication due to other disorders such as appendicitis, gallbladder disturbances, or malnutrition.

20 The symptoms of dyspepsia may also arise due to the intake of chemical substances, e.g. Selective Serotonin Re-uptake Inhibitors (SSRI's), such as fluoxetine, paroxetine fluvoxamine, and sertraline.

25 Additionally some of the compounds also are stimulators of kinetic activity on the colon.

30 Hence, the use of a compound of formula (I) as a medicine is provided, and in particular the use of a compound of formula (I) for the manufacture of a medicine for treating conditions involving a decreased gastro-intestinal motility, in particular decreased gastric emptying. Both prophylactic and therapeutic treatment are envisaged.

35 To prepare the pharmaceutical compositions of this invention, an effective amount of the particular compound, in base or acid addition salt form, as the active ingredient is combined in intimate admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, which carrier may take a wide variety of forms depending on the form of preparation desired for administration. These pharmaceutical compositions are desirably in unitary dosage form suitable, preferably, for administration orally, rectally or by parenteral injection. For example, in preparing the compositions in oral dosage form, any of the usual pharmaceutical media may be employed, such as, for example, water, glycols, oils,

alcohols and the like in the case of oral liquid preparations such as suspensions, syrups, elixirs and solutions; or solid carriers such as starches, sugars, kaolin, lubricants, binders, disintegrating agents and the like in the case of powders, pills, capsules and tablets. Because of their ease in administration, tablets and capsules represent the most 5 advantageous oral dosage unit form, in which case solid pharmaceutical carriers are obviously employed. For parenteral compositions, the carrier will usually comprise sterile water, at least in large part, though other ingredients, for example, to aid solubility, may be included. Injectable solutions, for example, may be prepared in which the carrier comprises saline solution, glucose solution or a mixture of saline and 10 glucose solution. Injectable suspensions may also be prepared in which case appropriate liquid carriers, suspending agents and the like may be employed. In the compositions suitable for percutaneous administration, the carrier optionally comprises a penetration enhancing agent and/or a suitable wetting agent, optionally combined with suitable additives of any nature in minor proportions, which additives do not cause a significant 15 deleterious effect to the skin. Said additives may facilitate the administration to the skin and/or may be helpful for preparing the desired compositions. These compositions may be administered in various ways, e.g., as a transdermal patch, as a spot-on, as an ointment. Acid addition salts of (I) due to their increased water solubility over the corresponding base form, are obviously more suitable in the preparation of aqueous 20 compositions.

It is especially advantageous to formulate the aforementioned pharmaceutical compositions in dosage unit form for ease of administration and uniformity of dosage. Dosage unit form as used in the specification and claims herein refers to physically discrete units suitable as unitary dosages, each unit containing a predetermined quantity 25 of active ingredient calculated to produce the desired therapeutic effect in association with the required pharmaceutical carrier. Examples of such dosage unit forms are tablets (including scored or coated tablets), capsules, pills, powder packets, wafers, injectable solutions or suspensions, teaspoonfuls, tablespoonfuls and the like, and segregated multiples thereof.

30 For oral administration, the pharmaceutical compositions may take the form of solid dose forms, for example, tablets (both swallowable-only and chewable forms), capsules or gelcaps, prepared by conventional means with pharmaceutically acceptable excipients such as binding agents (e.g. pregelatinised maize starch, 35 polyvinylpyrrolidone or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose); fillers (e.g. lactose, microcrystalline cellulose or calcium phosphate); lubricants e.g. magnesium stearate, talc or silica); disintegrants (e.g. potato starch or sodium starch glycollate); or wetting

agents (e.g. sodium lauryl sulphate). The tablets may be coated by methods well known in the art.

Liquid preparations for oral administration may take the form of, for example, 5 solutions, syrups or suspensions, or they may be presented as a dry product for constitution with water or other suitable vehicle before use. Such liquid preparations may be prepared by conventional means, optionally with pharmaceutically acceptable additives such as suspending agents (e.g. sorbitol syrup, methylcellulose, hydroxy-propyl methylcellulose or hydrogenated edible fats); emulsifying agents (e.g. lecithin or 10 acacia); non-aqueous vehicles (e.g. almond oil, oily esters or ethyl alcohol); and preservatives (e.g. methyl or propyl p-hydroxybenzoates or sorbic acid).

Pharmaceutically acceptable sweeteners comprise preferably at least one intense sweetener such as saccharin, sodium or calcium saccharin, aspartame, acesulfame 15 potassium, sodium cyclamate, alitame, a dihydrochalcone sweetener, monellin, stevioside or sucralose (4,1',6'-trichloro-4,1',6'-trideoxygalactosucrose), preferably saccharin, sodium or calcium saccharin, and optionally a bulk sweetener such as sorbitol, mannitol, fructose, sucrose, maltose, isomalt, glucose, hydrogenated glucose syrup, xylitol, caramel or honey.

20 Intense sweeteners are conveniently employed in low concentrations. For example, in the case of sodium saccharin, the concentration may range from 0.04% to 0.1% (w/v) based on the total volume of the final formulation, and preferably is about 0.06% in the low-dosage formulations and about 0.08% in the high-dosage ones. The bulk sweetener 25 can effectively be used in larger quantities ranging from about 10% to about 35%, preferably from about 10% to 15% (w/v).

The pharmaceutically acceptable flavours which can mask the bitter tasting ingredients 30 in the low-dosage formulations are preferably fruit flavours such as cherry, raspberry, black currant or strawberry flavour. A combination of two flavours may yield very good results. In the high-dosage formulations stronger flavours may be required such as Caramel Chocolate flavour, Mint Cool flavour, Fantasy flavour and the like 35 pharmaceutically acceptable strong flavours. Each flavour may be present in the final composition in a concentration ranging from 0.05% to 1% (w/v). Combinations of said strong flavours are advantageously used. Preferably a flavour is used that does not undergo any change or loss of taste and colour under the acidic conditions of the formulation.

The formulations of the present invention may optionally include an anti-flatulent, such as simethicone, alpha-D-galactosidase and the like.

5 The compounds of the invention may also be formulated as depot preparations. Such long acting formulations may be administered by implantation (for example subcutaneously or intramuscularly) or by intramuscular injection. Thus, for example, the compounds may be formulated with suitable polymeric or hydrophobic materials (for example as an emulsion in an acceptable oil) or ion exchange resins, or as sparingly soluble derivatives, for example as a sparingly soluble salt.

10 The compounds of the invention may be formulated for parenteral administration by injection, conveniently intravenous, intramuscular or subcutaneous injection, for example by bolus injection or continuous intravenous infusion. Formulations for injection may be presented in unit dosage form e.g. in ampoules or in multidose containers, with an added preservative. The compositions may take such forms as suspensions, solutions or emulsions in oily or aqueous vehicles, and may contain 15 formulatory agents such as isotonizing, suspending, stabilising and/or dispersing agents. Alternatively, the active ingredient may be in powder form for constitution with a suitable vehicle, e.g. sterile pyrogen-free water before use.

20 The compounds of the invention may also be formulated in rectal compositions such as suppositories or retention enemas, e.g. containing conventional suppository bases such as cocoa butter or other glycerides.

25 For intranasal administration the compounds of the invention may be used, for example, as a liquid spray, as a powder or in the form of drops.

30 In general it is contemplated that a therapeutically effective amount would be from about 0.001 mg/kg to about 2 mg/kg body weight, preferably from about 0.02 mg/kg to about 0.5 mg/kg body weight. A method of treatment may also include administering the active ingredient on a regimen of between two or four intakes per day.

Experimental part

35 In the procedures described hereinafter the following abbreviations were used : "ACN" stands for acetonitrile; "THF", which stands for tetrahydrofuran; "DCM" stands for dichloromethane; "DIPE" stands for diisopropylether; "EtOAc" stands for ethyl acetate; "NH₄OAc" stands for ammonium acetate; "HOAc" stands for acetic acid; "MIK" stands for methyl isobutyl ketone.

For some chemicals the chemical formula was used, e.g. NaOH for sodium hydroxide, K₂CO₃ for potassium carbonate, H₂ for hydrogen gas, MgSO₄ for magnesium sulfate, CuO.Cr₂O₃ for copper chromite, N₂ for nitrogen gas, CH₂Cl₂ for dichloromethane, CH₃OH for methanol, NH₃ for ammonia, HCl for hydrochloric acid, NaH for sodium 5 hydride, CaCO₃ for calcium carbonate, CO for carbon monoxide, and KOH for potassium hydroxide.

Of some compounds of formula (I) the absolute stereochemical configuration was not experimentally determined. In those cases the stereochemically isomeric form which was first isolated is designated as "A" and the second as "B", without further reference 10 to the actual stereochemical configuration.

A. Preparation of the intermediates

Example A.1

a) A solution of 4-pyridinemethanol (1.84 mol) in ACN (1000 ml) was added to a 15 solution of benzylchloride (2.2 mol) in ACN (1000 ml) and the reaction mixture was refluxed for 3 hours, cooled to room temperature and evaporated. The residue was suspended in diethylether, filtered and dried, yielding 1-(phenylmethyl)-4-(hydroxymethyl)-pyridinyl chloride (411 g, 97%).

b) 1-(Phenylmethyl)-4-(hydroxymethyl)-pyridinyl chloride (0.87 mol) was dissolved in 20 methanol (2200 ml) and cooled to -20°C. Sodium borohydride (1.75 mol) was added portionwise under a nitrogen atmosphere. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and water (200 ml) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was partially evaporated, water was added and the reaction mixture was extracted with DCM. The organic layer was separated, dried, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified 25 over silica gel (eluent : DCM), yielding 155 g of 1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1-(phenylmethyl)-4-pyridinemethanol.

Example A.2

a) A solution of 1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1-(phenylmethyl)-4-pyridinemethanol (0.5 mol) in 30 THF (1000 ml) was cooled to - 30°C and was added dropwise under a nitrogen atmosphere to a solution of borane in THF (1 M, 1000 ml) while the reaction mixture was kept at a temperature between -20°C and - 30°C. After the addition, the reaction mixture was stirred for 4 hours, allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred at room temperature for 18 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to -10°C and water 35 (25 ml) was added dropwise. Then, simultaneously, NaOH (3M in water, 70 ml) and the hydrogen peroxide (30 % solution in water, 63.3 ml) was added dropwise while the reaction mixture was kept at a temperature of -10°C. Again NaOH (50 % in water, 140

ml) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at reflux for 4 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled and filtered. The filtrate was evaporated. The resulting precipitate was dissolved in water (500 ml) and saturated with K_2CO_3 . The product was extracted with DCM. The resulting solution was dried over $MgSO_4$ and evaporated. The residue was crystallized from DIPE/CH₃CN. After several crystallizations (\pm)-trans-1-(phenylmethyl)-3-hydroxy-4-piperidinemethanol was obtained (Yield : 50.1 %)

5 b) A mixture of (\pm)-trans-1-(phenylmethyl)-3-hydroxy-4-piperidinemethanol (17.8 g, 0.085 mol) (already described in *J. Med. Chem.*, 16, pp. 156-159 (1973)) in methanol (250 ml) was hydrogenated, at 50°C, with palladium on activated carbon (10%, 2 g) as catalyst. After uptake of H₂ (1 equivalent), the catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated, yielding 12 g of (\pm)-trans-3-hydroxy-4-piperidinemethanol (interm.

10 1-a) (used in next reaction step without further purification). The corresponding cis-isomer is known from *J. Org. Chem.*, 34, pp. 3674-3676 (1969).

c) A mixture of intermediate (1-a) (0.086 mol) in DCM (250 ml) was stirred at room 15 temperature. A solution of di-*tert*-butyl dicarbonate (BOC-anhydride) (0.086 mol) in DCM (50 ml) was added dropwise and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature. An oil precipitated. Methanol (60 ml) was added and the resulting reaction solution was stirred for 60 min at room temperature. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from DIPE. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 13.7 g (68.8%) of 1,1-dimethylethyl (trans)-3-hydroxy-4-(hydroxymethyl)-1-piperidinecarboxylate (intermediate 1-b).

20 d) Intermediate (1-b) (0.087 mol) was dissolved in chloroform (400 ml) and pyridine (7.51 ml). The solution was cooled to 0°C. 4-Methyl-benzenesulfonyl chloride (0.091 mol) was added portionwise over 20 minutes. The reaction mixture was stirred and refluxed for 16 hours. More 4-methyl-benzenesulfonyl chloride (1.7 g) and pyridine 25 (1.4 ml) were added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred and refluxed for 6 hours, then cooled, washed with citric acid (10% w/w in H₂O), washed with brine, dried, filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by flash column chromatography over silica gel (eluent : DCM). The desired fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 9 g of (intermediate 1-c) as a colourless oil.

30 e) A mixture of intermediate (1-c) (0.023 mol) and benzylamine (0.084 mol) in THF (100 ml) was stirred for 16 hours at 125 °C (autoclave). The reaction mixture was cooled. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was partitioned between DCM and an aqueous K_2CO_3 solution. The organic layer was separated, dried, filtered and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 15.4 g of 1,1-dimethylethyl (trans)-3-hydroxy-4-[(phenylmethyl)amino]methyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylate (intermediate 1-d).

f) A mixture of intermediate (1-d) (max. 0.023 mol crude residue) in methanol (100 ml) was hydrogenated with palladium-on-carbon (10%, 1 g) as a catalyst. After uptake of H₂ (1 equivalent), the catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was solidified in DIPE + ACN, filtered off and dried (vacuum, 40 °C), yielding
5 4 g (76%) of 1,1-dimethylethyl (trans)-4-(aminomethyl)-3-hydroxy-1-piperidine-carboxylate (intermediate 1-e, mp. 178°C).

In an analogous way, but starting from *cis*-3-hydroxy-4-piperidinemethanol (described in *J. Org. Chem.*, 34, pp. 3674-3676 (1969)), 1,1-dimethylethyl (*cis*)-4-(aminomethyl)-3-hydroxy-1-piperidinecarboxylate (interm. 1-f) was prepared.

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Example A.3

a) A mixture of *N*-(2,3-dimethoxyphenyl)acetamide (0.91 mol), described in *Eur. J. Med. Chem.* 23 (6), pp. 501-510, 1988 and 1-chloro-2,5-pyrrolidinedione (0.91 mol) in acetonitrile (2000 ml) was stirred and refluxed for 1 hour. The mixture was cooled,

15 poured out into H₂O (2 l) and extracted twice with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O, dried, filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was crystallized from DIPE. The precipitate was filtered off and dried, yielding 93.8 g (44.9%) of product. The filtrate was evaporated. This residue was used in the next reaction step without further purification, yielding *N*-(6-chloro-2,3-dimethoxyphenyl)-
20 acetamide (interm. 2-a).

b) A solution of intermediate (2-a) (0.59 mol) in hydrochloric acid (20%) (1500 ml) was stirred and refluxed for 2 hours. The mixture was cooled, alkalized with NaOH 50% and extracted twice with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried, filtered, and the solvent was evaporated. The product was used in the next
25 reaction step without further purification, yielding 110g (100%) of 6-chloro-2,3-dimethoxybenzenamine (interm. 2-b)

c) A mixture of intermediate (2-b) (0.59 mol) and calcium carbonate (75 g) in DCM (600 ml) and methanol (300 ml) was stirred at room temperature. *N,N,N*-trimethylbenzenemethanaminium iodide (0.6 mol) was added portionwise and the mixture was stirred and refluxed for 1 hour. The mixture was cooled and diluted with H₂O (1.5l). The organic layer was separated and the aqueous layer was extracted again with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O, dried, filtered, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH₃OH/H₂O 80/20). The desired fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 114.16g (61.7%) of 6-chloro-4-iodo-2,3-dimethoxybenzamine (interm. 2-c).

d) A mixture of intermediate (2-c) (0.36 mol), potassium acetate (45 g) and palladium on charcoal catalyst (2 g) in methanol (450 ml) was stirred at 125°C under carbon monoxide (4.9×10^6 Pa (50kg/cm²) CO pressure) for 18 hours. The mixture was cooled and filtered over celite. The filtrate was evaporated. The residue was diluted 5 with H₂O and extracted three times with DCM. The combined organic layers were dried, filtered, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH₂Cl₂). The desired fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 67.1g (75.9%) of methyl 4-amino-5-chloro-2,3-dimethoxybenzoate (interm. 2-d).

10 e) A mixture of intermediate (2-d) (0.27 mol) and potassium hydroxide (2.7 mol) in water (1000 ml) was stirred and refluxed for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled and acidified with hydrochloric acid (36%), and the resulting precipitate was filtered off, washed with water and dried, yielding 53 g (84.8%) of 4-amino-5-chloro-2,3-dimethoxybenzoic acid (interm. 2-e).

15 In an analogous way, 4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxy-3-methylbenzoic acid (interm. 2-f) was prepared.

Example A.4

A mixture of interm. (2-e) (0.238 mol) and 1,1'-carbonylbis[1*H*-imidazole] (0.25 mol) 20 in acetonitrile (750 ml) was stirred and refluxed for 3 hours. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was diluted with H₂O and extracted twice with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with H₂O, dried, filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was suspended in DIPE, filtered off, then dried, yielding 58.1 g (86.7%) of *N*-(4-amino-5-chloro-2,3-dimethoxybenzoyl)-1*H*-imidazole (interm. 3-a).

25 In an analogous way, 1-(4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxy-3-methylbenzoyl)-1*H*-imidazole (interm. 3-b) was prepared.

Example A.5

A mixture of intermediate (1-e) (0.087 mol) and intermediate (3-a) (0.087 mol) in 30 acetonitrile (600 ml) was stirred and refluxed for 90 min. The reaction mixture was cooled, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was partitioned between DCM and water. The organic layer was separated, dried, filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was suspended in DIPE with a drop of ACN, filtered off and dried (vacuum, 40 °C), yielding 30.3 g (80%) of (\pm)-1,1-dimethylethyl trans-4-[(4-35 amino-5-chloro-2,3-dimethoxybenzoyl)amino]methyl]-3-hydroxy-1-piperidinecarboxylate (interm. 4).

Example A.6

A mixture of intermediate (4) (0.015 mol) in HCl/2-propanol (20 ml) and methanol (200 ml) was stirred and refluxed for 30 min. The reaction mixture was cooled, alkalinized with NH₃/CH₃OH, and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was

5 partitioned between DCM and aqueous ammonia. The organic layer was separated, dried, filtered and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 5.5 g of trans-4-amino-5-chloro-N-[(3-hydroxy-4-piperidinyl)methyl]-2,3-dimethoxybenzamide (interm. 11).

Example A.7

10 a) To a stirred and cooled mixture of ethyl 4-oxo-1-piperidinecarboxylate (85.5 g), nitromethane (33.6 g) in methanol (240 ml), sodium methoxide (10 g) is added dropwise. Upon completion, stirring is continued for 2 hours at about 10°C and further overnight at room temperature. The reaction mixture is evaporated at room temperature, crushed ice is added to the oily residue and the whole is acidified with acetic acid. The product is extracted with trichloromethane, the extract is dried, filtered and evaporated. The oily residue solidifies on triturating in petroleumether. The product is filtered off and dried, yielding 73 g of ethyl 4-hydroxy-4-(nitromethyl)-1-piperidinecarboxylate (interm. 5).

15 b) A mixture of intermediate (5) (73 g), methanol (400 ml) and acetic acid (150 ml) is hydrogenated in a Parr-apparatus with palladium-on-carbon (10%, 5g). After the calculated amount of hydrogen is taken up, the catalyst is filtered off and the filtrate is evaporated. To the residue is added crushed ice and the whole is alkalized with potassium hydroxide. The aqueous phase is salted out with potassium carbonate and the product is extracted with benzene. The extract is dried, filtered and evaporated, 20 yielding 63.5 g of ethyl 4-(aminomethyl)-4-hydroxy-1-piperidinecarboxylate (interm. 6, mp. 82°C).

Example A.8

30 a) Sodium hydride (0.12 mol) was added to a solution of intermediate (1-c) (0.1 mol) in THF (500 ml). The mixture was stirred for 30 minutes under a nitrogen atmosphere. Methyl iodide (0.2 mol) was added and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred for 90 minutes (exothermic temperature rise to 40°C). A small amount of water was added. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was partitioned between water and DCM. The organic layer was separated, dried, filtered and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 35 36 g of (±)-1,1-dimethylethyl trans-4-[[[(4-methylphenyl)sulfonyl]oxy]methyl]-3-methoxy-1-piperidinecarboxylate (interm. 19).

b) A mixture of intermediate (19) (0.22 mol) and benzylaminde (0.84 mol) in THF (350 ml) was stirred for 16 hours at 125°C (autoclave). The reaction mixture was cooled. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was dissolved in DCM. The organic solution was washed with an aqueous K₂CO₃ solution (\pm 50 g in 1 litre), dried, filtered and the solvent was evaporated. Toluene (150 ml) was added and azeotroped on the rotary evaporator, yielding \pm 120 g of (\pm)-1,1-dimethylethyl trans-3-methoxy-4-[(phenylmethyl)amino]methyl]-1-piperidinecarboxylate (interm. 20)

c) A mixture of intermediate (20) (0.22 mol) in methanol (500 ml) was hydrogenated at 50°C with palladium-on-carbon (10 g, 10%) as a catalyst. After uptake of hydrogen (1 equivalent), the catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue (52 g) was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent : CH₂Cl₂/ (CH₃OH/NH₃) 95/5). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 30 g (57%) of (\pm)-1,1-dimethylethyl trans-4-(aminomethyl)-3-methoxy-1-piperidinecarboxylate (interm. 21).

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Example A.9

a) NaH, 60% (0.236 mol) was stirred in DMF (500 ml), at room temperature. 3-amino-4-chloro-2-methylphenol (0.236 mol) was added portionwise (exothermic temperature rise to 32 °C). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes, allowing the temperature to drop to room temperature. Iodomethane (0.236 mol) was added dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for one hour at room temperature. Water was added (at first, slowly). This mixture was extracted with toluene. The separated organic layer was dried, filtered and the solvent evaporated, yielding 40.5 g 6-chloro-3-methoxy-2-methylbenzenamine (interm. 22) (quantitative yield; used in next reaction step, without further purification).

b) A mixture of intermediate (22) (0.23 mol), DCM (200 ml), methanol (70 ml) and CaCO₃ (0.3 mol) was stirred at room temperature. *N,N,N*-trimethylbenzene-methanaminium dichlorideiodide (0.23 mol) was added portionwise. The reaction mixture was stirred and refluxed for 2 hours. The mixture was cooled, then taken up into water. This mixture was extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried, filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH₂Cl₂). The desired fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated, yielding 33.9 g 6-chloro-4-iodo-3-methoxy-2-methylbenzenamine (49.3%) (interm. 23).

c) A mixture of intermediate (23) (0.113 mol), Pd/C, 10% (2 g), KOAc (17.5 g) and thiophene, 4% (8 ml) in methanol (250 ml) was stirred for 16 hours at 125 °C in an autoclave under 50 atm of CO pressure. The reaction mixture was filtered and the

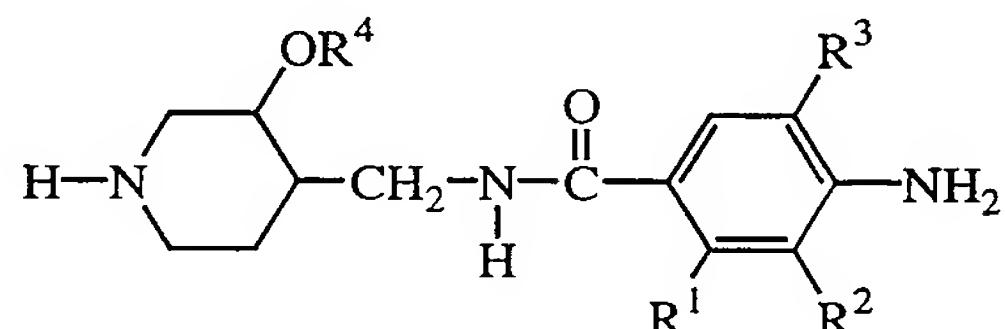
filtrate was evaporated. The residue was taken up into DCM, a precipitate was formed (KOAc), filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated. The concentrate was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2). The desired fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was suspended in DIPE, filtered off, washed and dried, yielding 15 g of methyl 4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxy-3-methylbenzoate (57.7%) (interm. 24).

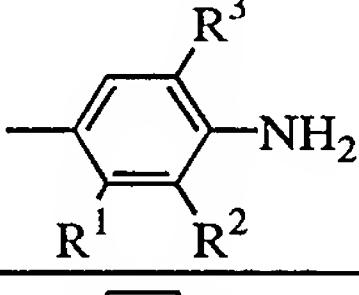
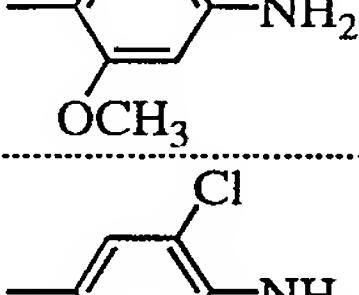
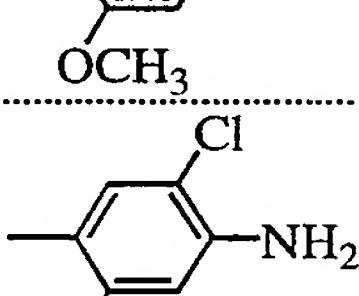
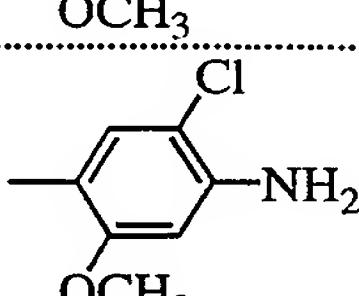
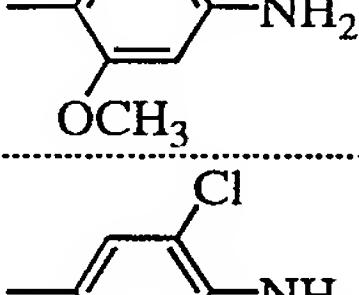
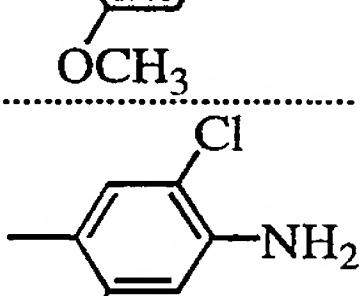
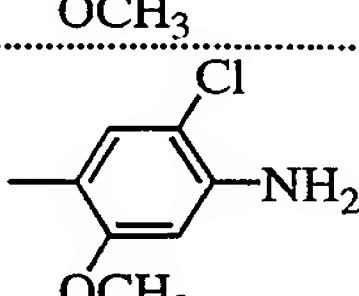
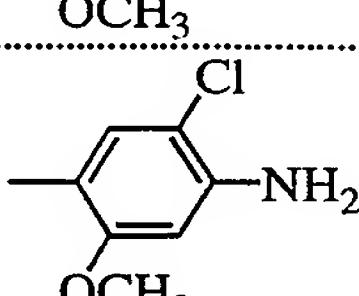
5 d) Intermediate (24) (0.067 mol) was added to KOH (0.67 mol) in H_2O (400 ml) and the resulting reaction mixture was stirred and refluxed for 2 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled, then acidified with concentrated hydrochloric acid. The precipitate was filtered off, washed and dried, yielding 13.5 g 4-amino-5-chloro-2-methoxy-3-methylbenzoic acid (93.8%; mp: 151 °C) (interm. 25).

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In this manner and in a similar manner were prepared :

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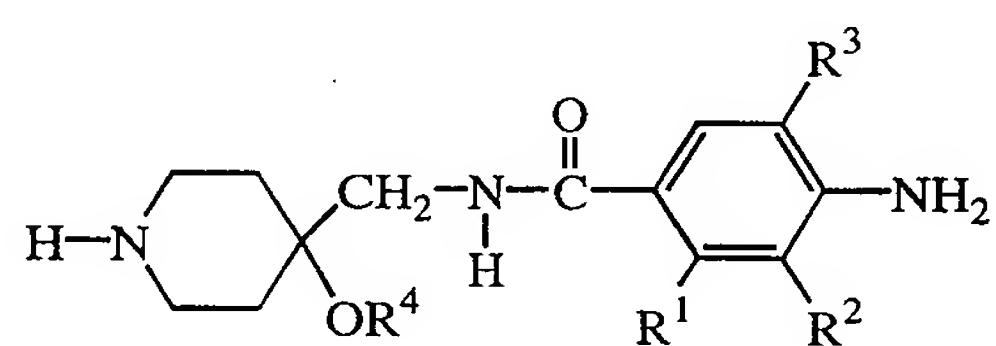
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8	A.6		OCH ₃	cis; mp. 158.7°C
9	A.6		OH	cis; .2HCl .2H ₂ O; mp. 210°C
10	A.6		OH	trans; mp. 188°C

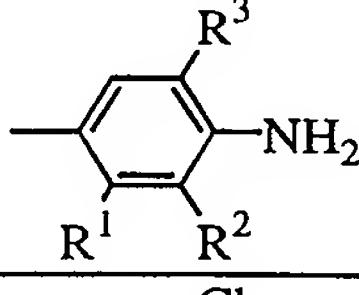
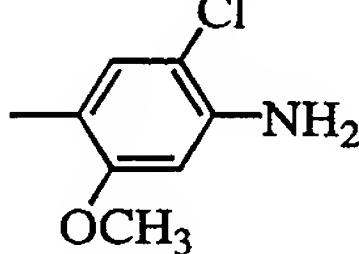
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Int. No.	Ex. No.	Chemical structure of the starting material (a substituted benzene ring with an amino group and substituents R ¹ , R ² , R ³)	OR ⁴	Physical data mp. in °C
11	A.6		OH	trans
12	A.6		OH	trans; .2HCl; mp. 225°C
13	A.6		OH	trans;
14	A.6		OH	trans
15	A.6		OCH ₃	trans; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ ; mp. 148°C
16	A.6		OCH ₃	trans;
17	A.6		OCH ₃	trans; .HCl

.C₂H₂O₄ stands for the ethanedioate salt

Table I-2 :



Int. No.	Ex. No.		OR ⁴	Physical data mp. in °C
18	A.6		OH	-

B. Preparation of the final compounds

Example B.1

A mixture of intermediate (12) (0.0072 mol), 1-chloro-3-methoxypropane (0.008 mol), 5 Na_2CO_3 (0.029 mol) and KI (catalytic quantity) in 2-butanone (100 ml) was stirred and refluxed for 24 hours. The solvent was evaporated. The residue was taken up into DCM, washed with water, dried, filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2 /($\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{NH}_3$) 95/5). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue 10 was crystallized from DIPE with a drop of ACN. The precipitate was filtered off, washed and dried, yielding 0.4 g (13.3%) of (\pm)-trans-4-amino-5-chloro-*N*-[[3-hydroxy-1-(3-methoxypropyl)-4-piperidinyl]methyl]-2,3-dimethoxybenzamide (compound 11, mp: 110°C).

Example B.2

A mixture of intermediate (12) (0.007 mol) and 1-butanal (0.014 mol) in methanol (150 ml) was hydrogenated with Pt/C (1 g) as a catalyst in the presence of KOAc (1 g) and thiophene, 4% (1 ml). After uptake of H_2 (1 equiv), the catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was partitioned between CH_2Cl_2 and an 20 aqueous K_2CO_3 solution. The organic layer was separated, dried (MgSO_4), filtered and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: CH_2Cl_2 /($\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{NH}_3$) 95/5). The desired fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was solidified in DIPE with a drop of CH_3CN and a drop of water, filtered off, and dried, yielding 1.48 g (53%) of (\pm)-trans-25 4-amino-*N*-[(1-butyl-3-hydroxy-4-piperidinyl)methyl]-5-chloro-2,3-dimethoxybenzamide monohydrate. (compound 9, mp. \pm 92°C).

Example B.3

A mixture of compound (19) (0.0034 mol) in HCl (3.5 ml) and THF (35 ml) was stirred 30 and refluxed for 1 hour, cooled, alkalized with $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$, and extracted with DCM. The organic layer was separated, dried (MgSO_4), filtered, and the solvent was

evaporated. The residue was purified by column chromatography over silica gel (eluent: $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/(\text{CH}_3\text{OH}/\text{NH}_3)$ 95/5). The pure fractions were collected and the solvent was evaporated. The residue was solidified in DIPE with a drop of CH_3CN and a drop of water. The mixture was cooled to 0 °C. The precipitate was filtered off and dried (vacuum, 40°C). Yielding: 0.92 g (58%) of (\pm)-trans-4-amino-5-chloro-*N*-[[3-hydroxy-1-(4-oxopentyl)-4-piperidinyl]methyl]-2,3-dimethoxybenzamide monohydrate (compound 14, mp. 86°C).

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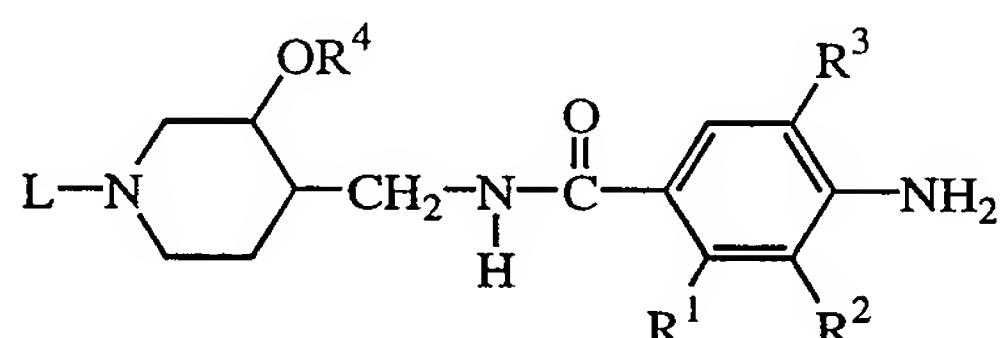
10 A mixture of compound (3) (38 g), calcium oxide (10 g) and 2-methoxyethanol (500 g) was hydrogenated at normal pressure and at room temperature with palladium-on-charcoal catalyst (2 g). After the calculated amount of hydrogen was taken up, the catalyst was filtered off and the filtrate was evaporated. The residue was taken up in water and DCM. The layers were separated. The aqueous phase was extracted with DCM. The combined organic layers were washed with water, dried, filtered and evaporated. The residue was suspended in 2,2'-oxybispropane and a few drops of water. The product was filtered off and dried, yielding 25.7g (73%) of cis-4-[(4-amino-2-methoxybenzoyl)amino]methyl]-3-methoxy-*N,N*-dipropyl-1-piperidinebutanamide (compound 4, mp. 133.1°C).

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20 Table F-1 to F-2 list the compounds that were prepared according to one of the above Examples.

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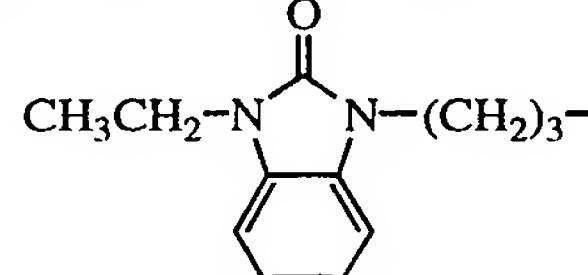
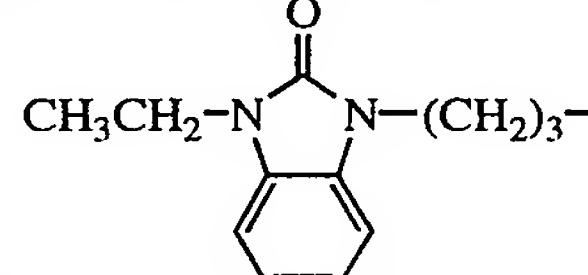
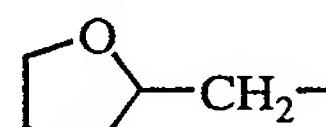
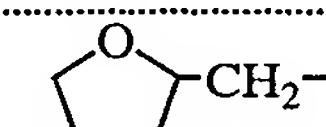
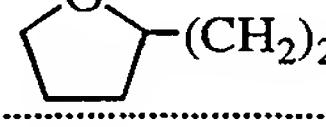
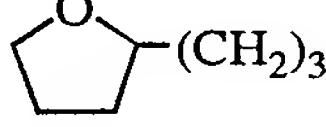
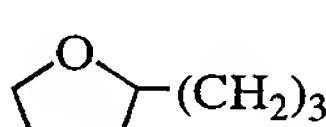
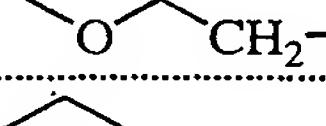
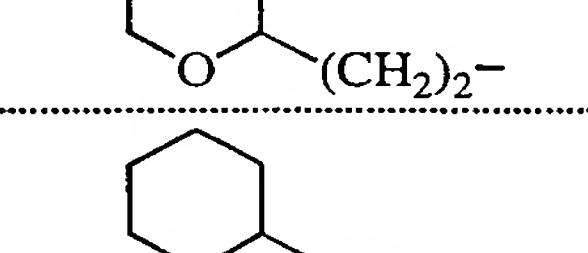
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2	B.1	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}(\text{CO})(\text{CH}_2)_3-$	OCH_3	H	Cl	OCH_3	cis; mp. 108.0°C
3	B.1		OCH_3	H	Cl	OCH_3	cis; .1/2 H_2O ; mp. 79.3°C

Co No.	Ex. No.	-L	R ¹	R ²	R ³	OR ⁴	Physical data
4	B.4		OCH ₃	H	H	OCH ₃	cis; mp. 133.1°C
5	B.1		OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 125°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄
6	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 153°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄
7	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; .H ₂ O; mp. 132°C
8	B.2	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	cis; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ ; mp. 184°C;
9	B.2	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans;.H ₂ O; mp. 92°C
10	B.2	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 146°C
11	B.1	CH ₃ O(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 110°C
12	B.1	CH ₃ O(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 140°C
13	B.3	CH ₃ CO(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	cis; mp. 75°C
14	B.3	CH ₃ CO(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans;.H ₂ O; mp. 86°C
15	B.3	CH ₃ CO(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; .H ₂ O; mp. 110°C
16	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 166°C
17	B.1		OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ ; mp. 212°C
18	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	cis; mp. 115°C
19	B.1		OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans
20	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans

Co No.	Ex. No.	-L-	R ¹	R ²	R ³	OR ⁴	Physical data
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22	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 181°C
23	B.1		OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; .2C ₂ H ₂ O ₄
24	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 180°C
25	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 176°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄
26	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 178°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ .H ₂ O
27	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 186°C; .(E)-C ₄ H ₄ O ₄
28	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 190°C; .(E)-C ₄ H ₄ O ₄
29	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans
30	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 161°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄

Co No.	Ex. No.	-L-	R ¹	R ²	R ³	OR ⁴	Physical data
31	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 168°C
32	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ ; mp. 160°C
33	B.1		OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄
34	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 118°C
35	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 172°C
36	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 117°C
37	B.1		OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 116°C
38	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 203°C; .(E)-C ₄ H ₄ O ₄ (2:1)
39	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 160°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄
40	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 172°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄
41	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 168°C
42	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 140°C
43	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; .(E)-C ₄ H ₄ O ₄ (2:3); mp. 205°C
44	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; .H ₂ O; mp. 115°C

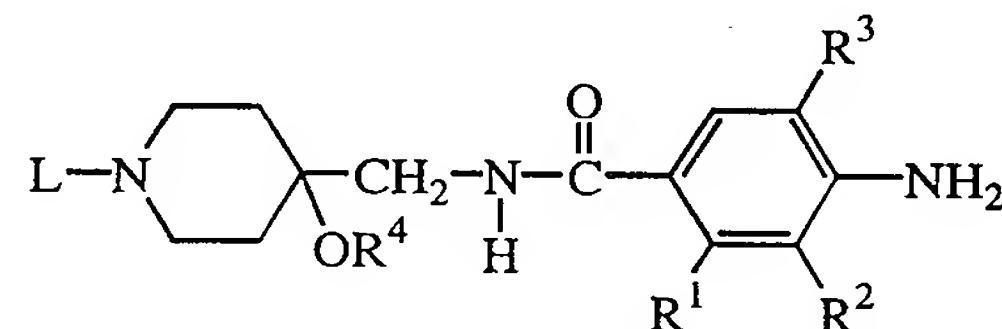
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45	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 195°C; .C ₄ H ₄ O ₄ (2:1)
46	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans
47	B.1		OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 140°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ (2:3)
48	B.3	CH ₃ -CO-(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 150°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄
49	B.1	(CH ₃) ₂ CH-O-(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 95°C
50	B.1	(CH ₃) ₂ CH-O-(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 92°C
51	B.1	CH ₃ -O-(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 135°C
52	B.2	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 105°C
53	B.1	NC-(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans
54	B.1	NC-(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 112°C
55	B.1	NC-(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 108°C
56	B.1	CH ₂ =CH-CH ₂ -	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 120°C
57	B.1	HO(CH ₂) ₂ O(CH ₂) ₂ -	OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 149°C
58	B.1	HO(CH ₂) ₂ O(CH ₂) ₂ -	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans;.C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ ; mp. 130°C
59	B.1	HO(CH ₂) ₂ O(CH ₂) ₂ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 98°C
60	B.1	CH ₃ SO ₂ -NH-(CH ₂) ₂ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	trans
61	B.1	CH ₃ SO ₂ -NH-(CH ₂) ₂ -	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 128°C
62	B.1	CH ₃ SO ₂ -NH-(CH ₂) ₂ -	OCH ₃	CH ₃	Cl	OH	trans; mp. 135°C
63	B.2	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OCH ₃	trans; mp. 100°C
64	B.1	CH ₃ O(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OCH ₃	trans;.C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ ; mp. 110°C
65	B.3	CH ₃ -CO-(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OCH ₃	trans;.C ₂ H ₂ O ₄
66	B.1		OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OCH ₃	trans;.C ₂ H ₂ O ₄
67	B.1		OCH ₃	OCH ₃	Cl	OCH ₃	trans;.C ₂ H ₂ O ₄

Co No.	Ex. No.	-L	R ¹	R ²	R ³	OR ⁴	Physical data
81	B.2	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OCH ₃	trans; mp. 140°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ (2:3)
82	B.1	CH ₃ O(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OCH ₃	trans; mp. 138°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄ (2:3)
83	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OCH ₃	trans; mp. 128°C

.C₂H₂O₄ stands for the ethanedioate salt

.(E)-C₄H₄O₄ stands for the (E)-2-butenedioate salt

Table F-2



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Co No.	Ex. No.	-L	R ¹	R ²	R ³	OR ⁴	Physical data
68	B.2	CH ₃ CH ₂ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 147.1°C
69	B.2	CH ₃ (CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 124°C
70	B.1	CH ₃ -O-(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 92°C; .2H ₂ O
71	B.1	CH ₃ -CO-(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 133.6°C
72	B.1	CH ₃ CH ₂ O(CO)(CH ₂) ₃ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 137.8°C
73	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 75.7°C; .H ₂ O (2:1)
74	B.2	c.C ₆ H ₁₁ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 175.4°C
75	B.1	c.C ₃ H ₅ -CH ₂ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 157.5°C
76	B.1	CH ₂ =CH-CH ₂ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 160.0°C
77	B.1	CH ₃ CH ₂ -O-(CH ₂) ₂ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 101.0°C
78	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 163°C
79	B.1		OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 70°C; .2H ₂ O
80	B.1	HO-(CH ₂) ₂ O(CH ₂) ₂ -	OCH ₃	H	Cl	OH	mp. 174°C; .C ₂ H ₂ O ₄

"c.C₆H₁₁-" means cyclohexyl; and "c.C₃H₅-" means cyclopropyl

C. Pharmacological examplesC.1. Gastric emptying of an acaloric liquid test meal delayed by administration of lidamidine, in conscious dogs.

5 Female beagle dogs, weighing 7-14 kg, were trained to stand quietly in Pavlov frames. They were implanted with a gastric cannula under general anesthesia and aseptic precautions. After a median laparatomy, an incision was made through the gastric wall in the longitudinal direction between the greater and the lesser curve, 2 cm above the nerves of Latarjet. The cannula was secured to the gastric wall by means of a double
10 purse string suture and brought out via a stab wound at the left quadrant of the hypochondrium. Dogs were allowed a recovery period of at least two weeks. Experiments were started after a fasting period of 24 hours, during which water was available ad libitum. At the beginning of the experiment, the cannula was opened in order to remove any gastric juice or food remnants.

15 The stomach was cleansed with 40 to 50 ml lukewarm water. The test compound was administered I.V. (in a volume \leq 3 ml via the vena cephalica), S.C. (in a volume \leq 3 ml) or P.O. (in a volume of 1 ml/kg body weight, applied intragastrically via the cannula with a device that filled the lumen of the cannula; after injection of the test compound, 5 ml NaCl 0.9 % was injected in order to correct for the dead space in the
20 injection system). Immediately after administration of the test compound or its solvent, lidamidine 0.63 mg/kg was administered subcutaneously. 30 min later, the cannula was opened to determine the amount of fluid present in the stomach, promptly followed by reintroduction of the fluid. Then the test meal was administered via the cannula. This test meal consisted of 250 ml distilled water containing glucose (5 g/l) as a marker.

25 The cannula remained closed for 30 min, whereafter the gastric contents were drained from the stomach to measure total volume ($t = 30$ min). For later analysis 1 ml of the gastric contents was taken, promptly followed by reintroduction of the rest volume into the stomach. This sequence was repeated 4 times with 30 min intervals ($t = 60, 90, 120, 150$ min).

30 In the 1 ml samples of the gastric contents, the glucose concentrations were measured on a Hitachi 717 automatic analyzer by the hexokinase method (Schmidt, 1961). These data were used to determine the absolute amount of glucose that remained in the stomach after each 30 min period, as a measure for the rest volume of the meal itself, independent of acid secretion.

35 Curves were fitted to the measurement points (glucose versus time) using weighed non-linear regression analysis. Gastric emptying was quantified as the time needed to empty 70% of the meal ($t_{70\%}$). The control emptying time was calculated as the mean

t 70% of the last 5 solvent experiments of the same dog. Acceleration of delayed gastric emptying (Δt) was calculated as the time difference between t 70% compound and t 70% solvent. To correct for variations in emptying rate between dogs, Δt was expressed as % of t 70% solvent (Schuurkes et al, 1992)).

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Table C-1

The acceleration of gastric emptying of a liquid meal delayed by lidamidine in conscious dog was measured for the following compounds at a dose of 0.01 mg/kg (column $\Delta T/T^a$) and 0.0025 mg/kg (column $\Delta T/T^b$).

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Co. No.	$\Delta T/T^a$	$\Delta T/T^b$
5	-0.18	0.30
6	-0.12	-
7	-0.14	-
8	-0.13	-0.26
9	-0.55	-0.29
10	-0.56	-0.28
11	-0.59	-0.62
12	-0.42	-0.28
13	-	-0.35
14	-0.67	-0.52
15	-0.41	0.00
16	-0.60	-0.26
17	-0.63	-0.56
18	-0.32	-0.30
21	-0.38	-0.24
22	-0.20	0.52
23	-0.26	-0.09
24	-0.32	0.26
25	-	-0.01
29	-0.25	-0.04
30	-0.11	0.22
34	-0.10	-0.18
35	0.58	-0.42
36	0.03	-0.41
37	-0.15	-0.51
39	-0.41	0.23

Co. No.	$\Delta T/T^a$	$\Delta T/T^b$
40	-0.55	-0.09
41	-0.37	0.12
42	-0.53	-
43	-0.49	-
47	-0.29	-0.17
48	-0.16	0.59
51	-0.24	-0.07
52	-0.06	0.22
53	-0.63	0.02
55	-0.30	-0.25
56	-0.49	-0.38
58	-0.18	0.03
59	-0.32	-0.18
60	-0.11	-0.30
61	-0.48	0.37
63	-0.25	-
64	-0.29	-
65	-0.28	-
66	-0.40	-
67	-0.35	-
69	0.02	-
78	-0.28	-
79	-0.19	-
80	-0.21	-

Table C-2

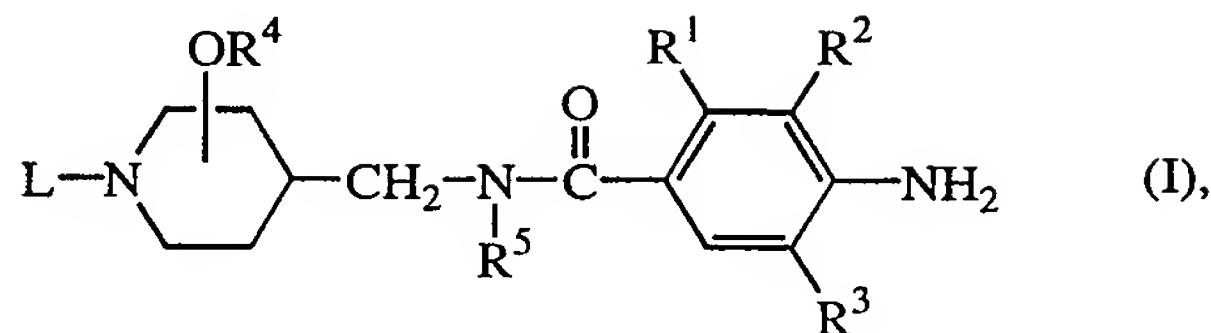
The acceleration of gastric emptying of a liquid meal delayed by lidamidine in conscious dog was measured for the following intermediates at a dose of 0.01 mg/kg (column $\Delta T/T^a$) and 0.0025 mg/kg (column $\Delta T/T^b$).

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Intm. No.	$\Delta T/T^a$	$\Delta T/T^b$
9	-0.31	-0.40
10	-0.22	0.03
15	-0.31	-

Claims

1. A compound of formula (I)



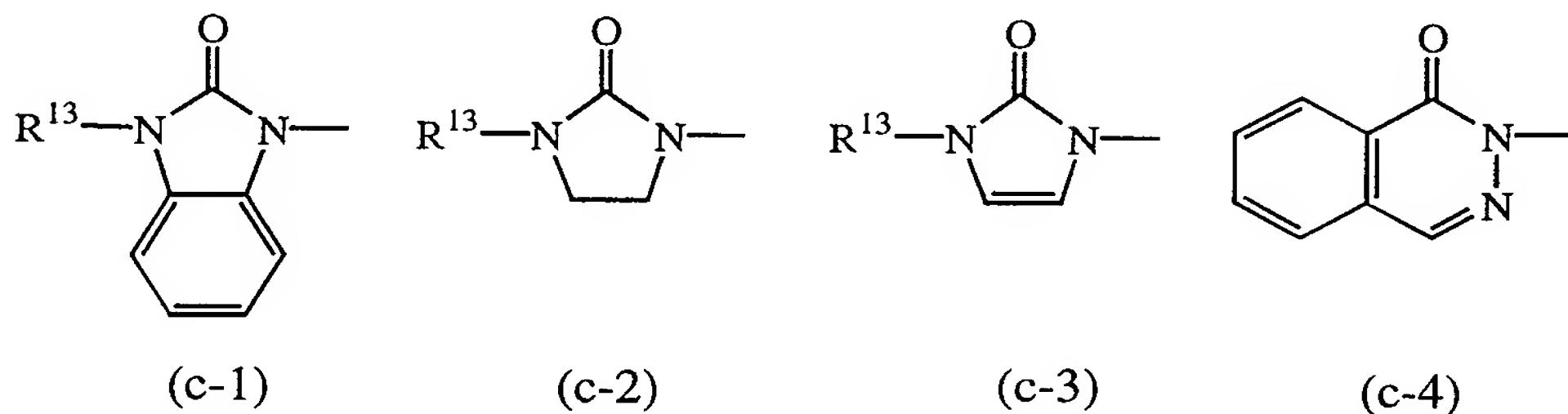
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a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, an *N*-oxide form thereof or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid or base addition salt thereof, wherein R^1 is C_{1-6} alkyloxy, C_{2-6} alkenyloxy or C_{2-6} alkynyloxy;

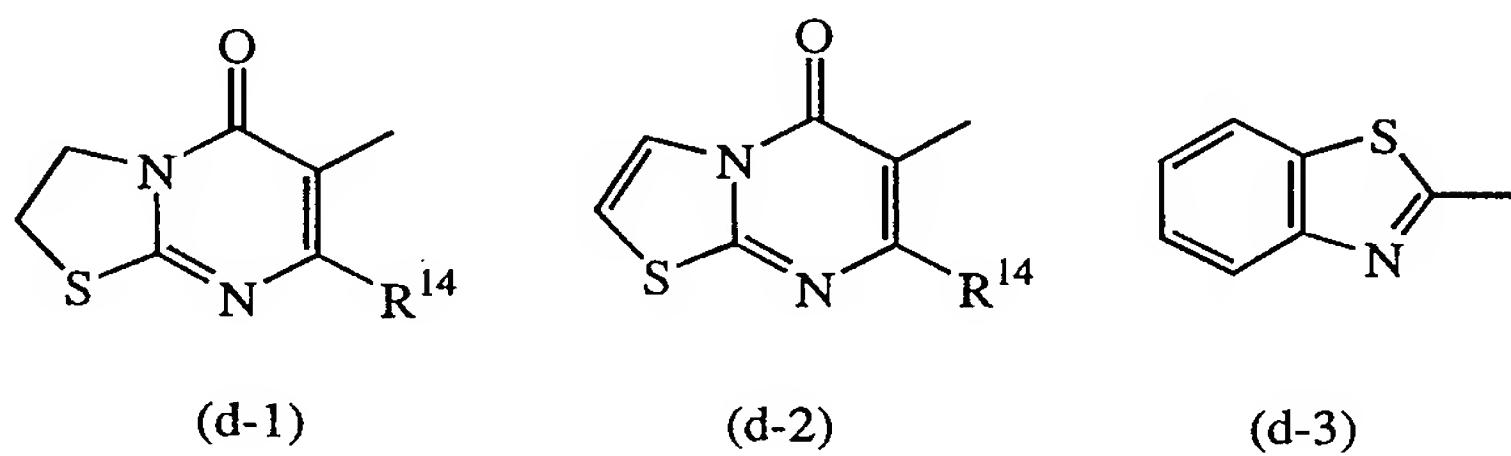
10 R^2 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-6} alkyloxy; R^3 is hydrogen or halo; R^4 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl; R^5 is hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;15 L is C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{5-6} cycloalkanone, or C_{2-6} alkenyl, or L is a radical of formula-Alk- R^6 (b-1),-Alk- X - R^7 (b-2),-Alk- Y - $C(=O)$ - R^9 (b-3), or-Alk- Y - $C(=O)$ - $NR^{11}R^{12}$ (b-4),20 wherein each Alk is C_{1-12} alkanediyl; and R^6 is hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, C_{1-6} alkylsulfonylamino, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{5-6} cycloalkanone, or Het¹; R^7 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, hydroxy C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, or Het²; X is O, S, SO_2 or NR^8 ; said R^8 being hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl;25 R^9 is hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkyloxy or hydroxy; Y is NR^{10} or a direct bond; said R^{10} being hydrogen or C_{1-6} alkyl; R^{11} and R^{12} each independently are hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, or R^{11} and R^{12} combined with the nitrogen atom bearing R^{11} and R^{12} may form a pyrrolidinyl or piperidinyl ring both being optionally substituted with30 C_{1-6} alkyl, amino or mono or di(C_{1-6} alkyl)amino, or said R^{11} and R^{12} combined with the nitrogen bearing R^{11} and R^{12} may form a piperazinyl or4-morpholinyl radical both being optionally substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl; and Het¹ and Het² each independently are selected from furan; furan substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl or halo; tetrahydrofuran; a tetrahydrofuran substituted with35 C_{1-6} alkyl; a dioxolane; a dioxolane substituted with C_{1-6} alkyl, a dioxane; a

dioxane substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl; tetrahydropyran; a tetrahydropyran substituted with C₁₋₆alkyl; pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolidinyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano, or C₁₋₆alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl; pyrimidinyl; pyrimidinyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, amino and mono and di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; pyridazinyl; pyridazinyl substituted with one or two substituents each independently selected from hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, C₁₋₆alkyl or halo; pyrazinyl; pyrazinyl substituted with one ore two substituents each independently selected from halo, hydroxy, cyano, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, amino, mono- and di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino and C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;

15 Het¹ can also be a radical of formula



Het¹ and Het² each independently can also be selected from the radicals of
formula



25 R¹³ and R¹⁴ each independently are hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkyl.

2. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R¹ is C₁₋₄alkyloxy and R² is hydrogen, C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkyloxy.
3. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R¹ is C₁₋₄alkyloxy, and R² is C₁₋₄alkyl or C₁₋₄alkyloxy.

4. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 wherein the -OR⁴ radical is situated at the 3-position of the central piperidine moiety having the trans configuration.

5. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3 wherein the -OR⁴ radical is situated at the 4-position of the central piperidine moiety.

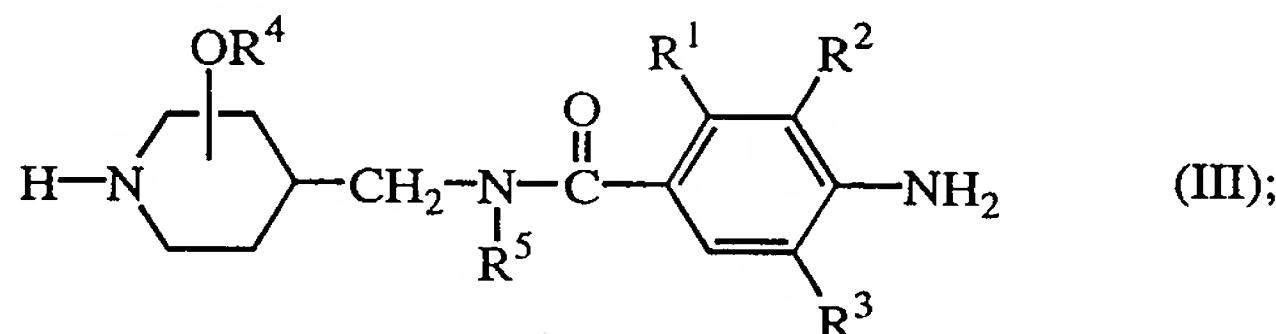
6. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 wherein L is C₃-6cycloalkyl or C₂-6alkenyl; or L is a radical of formula (b-1), wherein each Alk is C₁-6alkanediyl, and R⁶ is hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, amino, C₁-6alkylsulfonylamino, C₃-6cycloalkyl or Het¹, wherein Het¹ is tetrahydrofuran; dioxolane; dioxolane substituted with C₁-6alkyl; tetrahydropyran; pyridazinyl substituted with one or more substituents selected from hydroxy, halo and C₁-6alkyl; or a radical of formula (c-1), (c-3) or (c-4) wherein R¹³ is C₁-4alkyl; or L is a radical of formula (b-2), wherein Alk is C₁-6alkanediyl, X is O, and R⁷ is C₁-6alkyl or hydroxyC₁-6alkyl; or L is a radical of formula (b-2), wherein Alk is C₁-6alkanediyl, R⁷ is Het² wherein Het² is pyrazinyl substituted with C₁-6alkyl, and X is NR⁸ wherein R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-6alkyl; or L is a radical of formula (b-3) wherein Y is a direct bond, and R⁹ is C₁-6alkyl, hydroxy or C₁-6alkyloxy; or L is a radical of formula (b-4) wherein Y is a direct bond, and R¹¹ and R¹² are C₁-6alkyl, or R¹¹ and R¹² combined with the nitrogen atom bearing R¹¹ and R¹² form pyrrolidinyl.

7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically active amount of a compound according to any of claims 1 to 6.

8. A process for preparing a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 7 wherein a therapeutically active amount of a compound according to any of claims 1 to 6 is intimately mixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

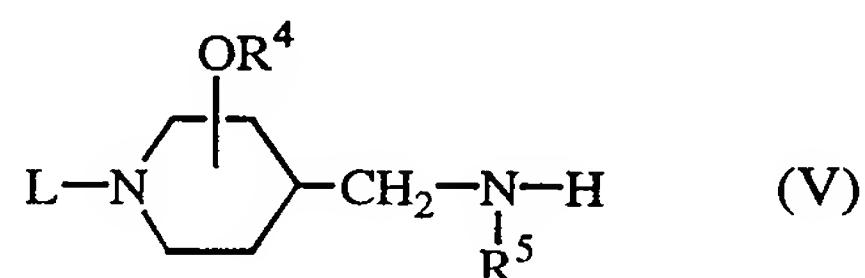
9. A compound according to any of claims 1 to 6 for use as a medicine.

10. A compound of formula (III)

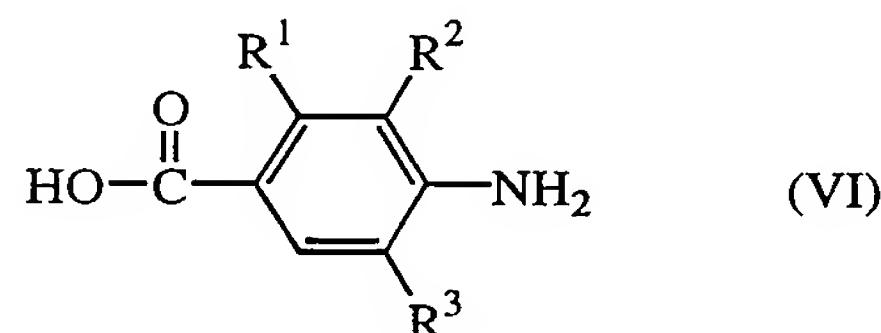


a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof or a stereochemically isomeric form thereof, wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are as defined in claim 1 for compounds of formula (I).

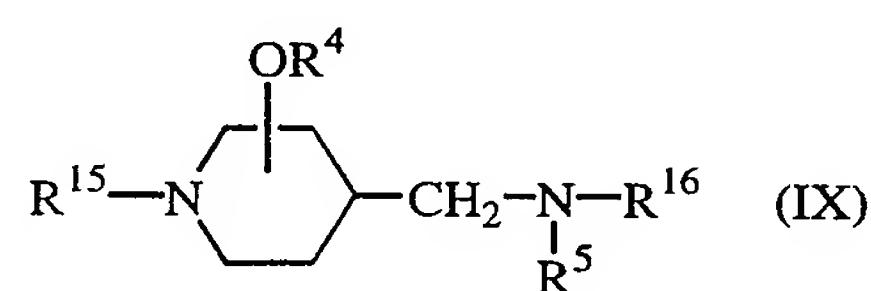
5 11. A compound of formula (V) wherein L, R⁴ and R⁵ are as defined in claim 1.



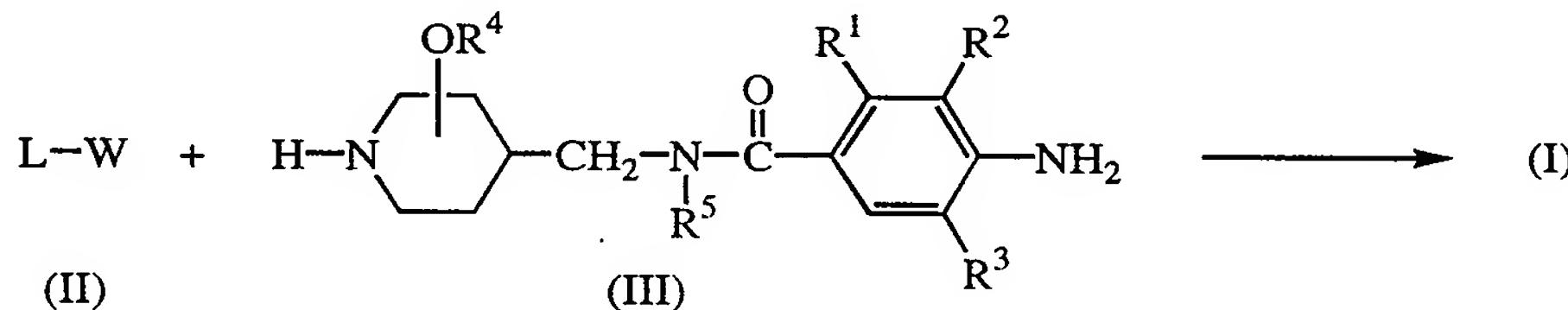
12. A compound of formula (VI) wherein R¹ is methoxy, R² is methyl and R³ is
10 chloro.



13. A compound of formula (IX) wherein R^4 and R^5 are as defined in claim 1, and R^{15}
15 and R^{16} are each independently selected from hydrogen or a protective group PG.

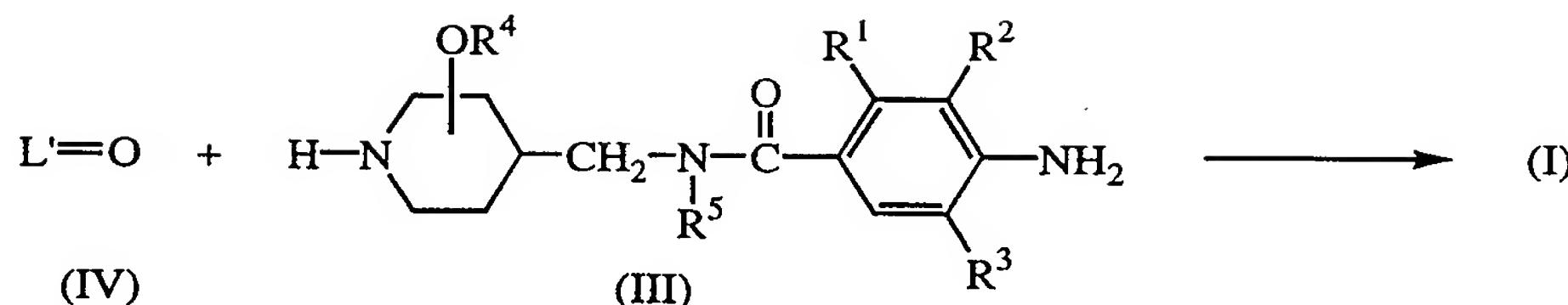


14. A process for preparing a compound of formula (I) wherein
20 a) an intermediate of formula (II) is *N*-alkylated with an intermediate of formula
(III) in a reaction-inert solvent and, optionally in the presence of a suitable base,

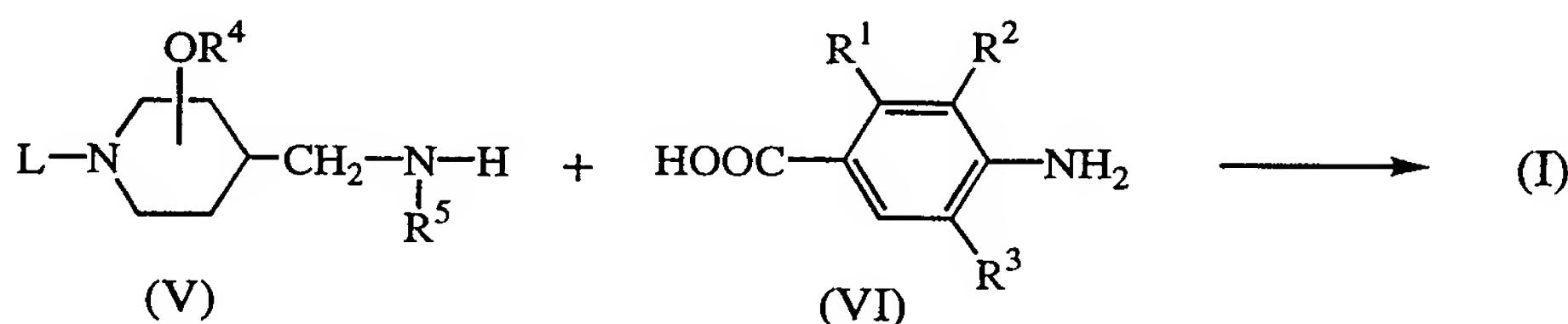


25 b) an appropriate ketone or aldehyde intermediate of formula $L'=O$ (IV), said $L'=O$ being a compound of formula $L-H$, wherein two geminal hydrogen atoms in the C_{1-12} alkanediyl moiety are replaced by $=O$, is reacted with an intermediate of formula (III);

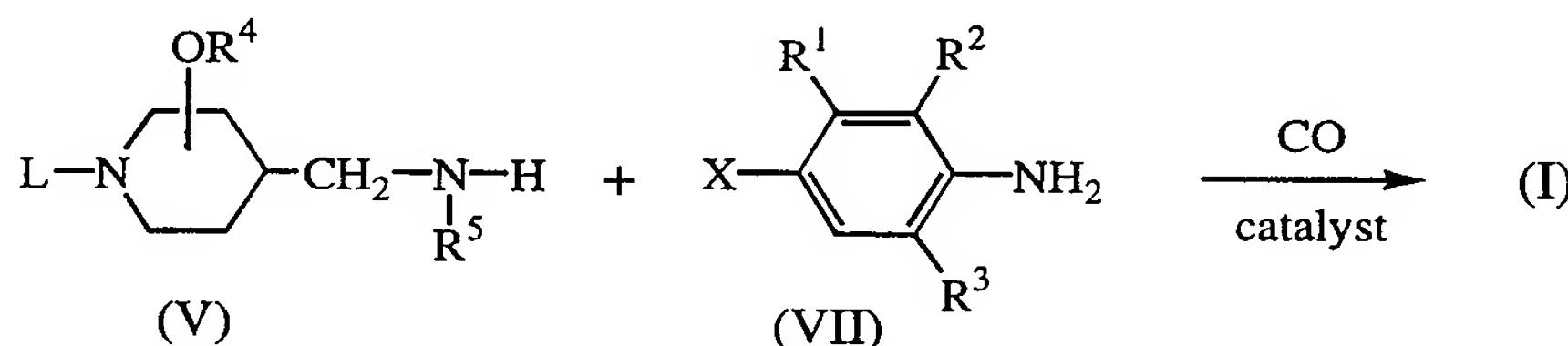
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5 c) an intermediate of formula (V) is reacted with an carboxylic acid derivative of formula (VI) or a reactive functional derivative thereof;



10 15 d) an intermediate of formula (VII), wherein X is bromo or iodo, is carbonylated in the presence of an intermediate of formula (V) in a reaction-inert solvent in the presence of a suitable catalyst and a tertiary amine, and at a temperature ranging between room temperature and the reflux temperature of the reaction mixture;



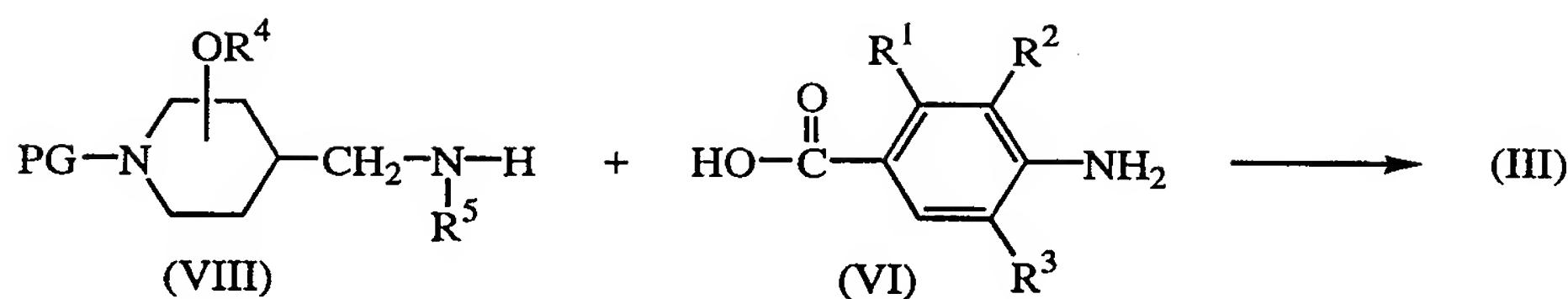
15 wherein in the above reaction schemes the radicals L, R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are as defined in claim 1 and W is an appropriate leaving group;

20 e) or, compounds of formula (I) are converted into each other following art-known transformation reactions; or if desired; a compound of formula (I) is converted into a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt, or conversely, an acid addition salt of a compound of formula (I) is converted into a free base form with alkali; and, if desired, preparing stereochemically isomeric forms thereof.

25 15. A process for preparing a compound of formula (III) wherein

a) an intermediate of formula (VIII), wherein PG is an appropriate protective group, is reacted with an acid of formula (VI), or an appropriate reactive functional derivative thereof, in a reaction-inert solvent and subsequent deprotection of the protecting group PG yielding compounds of formula (III);

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5 wherein in the above reaction schemes the radicals L, R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 are as defined in claim 1 and W is an appropriate leaving group;

10 b) or, compounds of formula (III) are converted into each other following art-known transformation reactions; or if desired; a compound of formula (III) is converted into an acid addition salt, or conversely, an acid addition salt of a compound of formula (III) is converted into a free base form with alkali; and, if desired, preparing stereochemically isomeric forms thereof.

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